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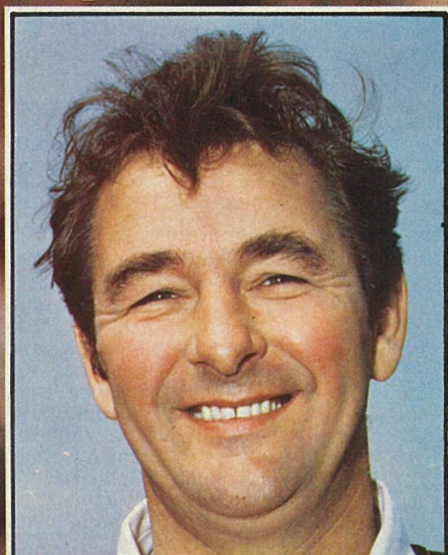
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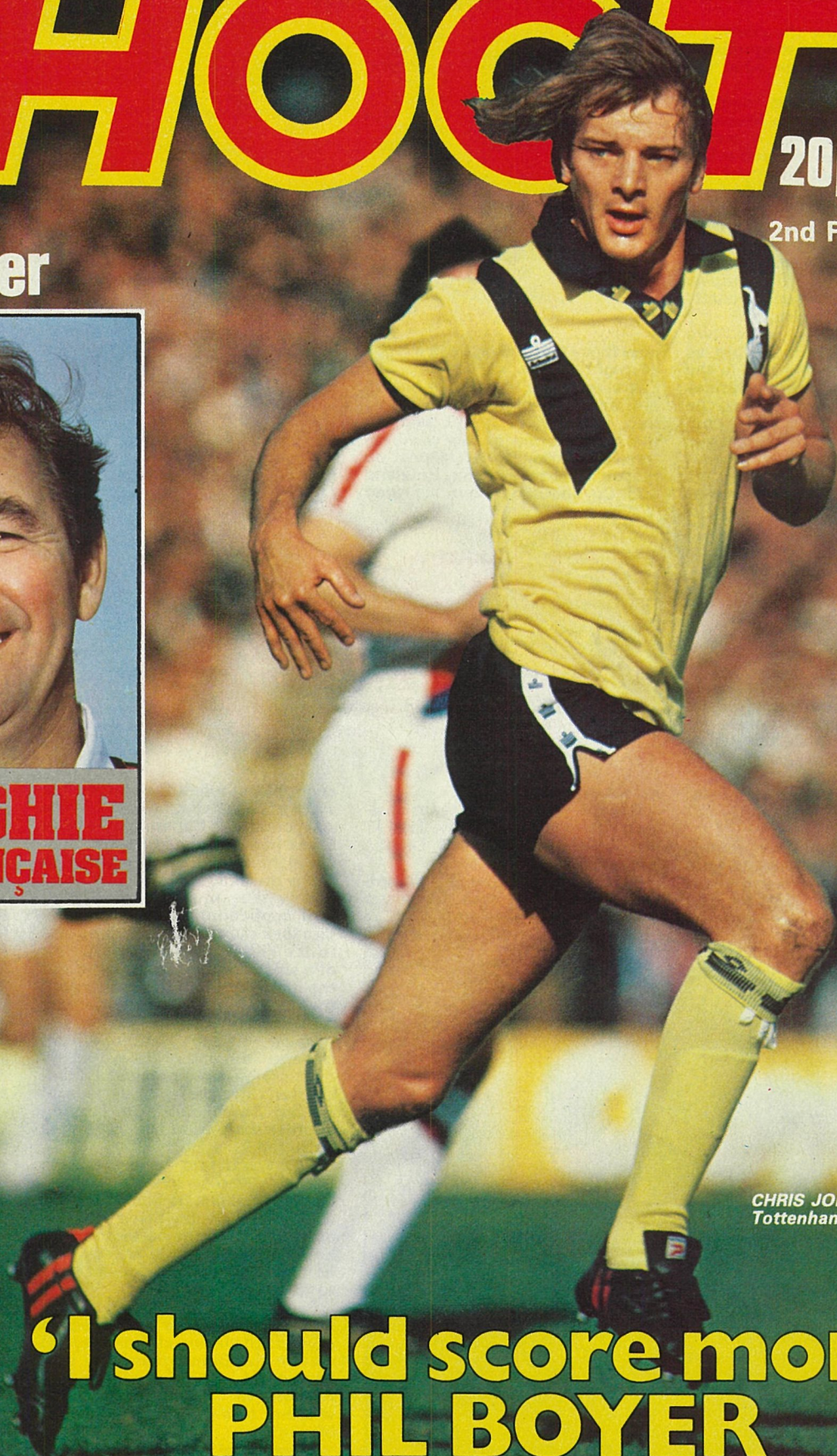
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**CLOUGHIE
A LA FRANÇAISE**



CHRIS JONES
Tottenham striker.

**'I should score more'
PHIL BOYER**

PREVIEWS



F.A. Cup Fourth Round

THERE'S a growing feeling that if you fed Ernie with the names of Liverpool and Nottingham Forest they'd come out together in the next monthly draw of premium bonds.

It's uncanny how the country's top two seem to be magnetising one another, no matter what the competition.

When they were put together yet again for the Fourth Round of this season's F.A. Cup, it meant that in the space of two-and-a-half seasons Forest and Liverpool will have faced each other 13 times.

During the 1977-8 season, Forest's first back in the First Division, they met twice in the League and also contested the League Cup Final, which went to a replay before John Robertson's penalty won the day for Forest.

Last season there were two clashes in the European Cup as well as the customary two in the League, and this season, besides the obligatory League games, the pair are fighting it out in the two-legged Semi-Finals of the League Cup as well as now shooting it out in the F.A. Cup.

One reaction to the draw was

FOURTH ROUND DRAW

ORIENT v WEST HAM
BIRMINGHAM v MIDD BRO'
BLACKBURN or FULHAM v COVENTRY
BOLTON v HALIFAX
BRISTOL CITY v IPSWICH
CAMBRIDGE v ASTON VILLA
ARSENAL v BRIGHTON
CARLISLE v WREXHAM
CHESTER v MILLWALL
EVERTON v WIGAN
NOTTM FOREST v LIVERPOOL
ROCHDALE or BURY v BURNLEY
SWANSEA v READING
SWINDON v SPURS
WATFORD v HARLOW
WOLVES v NORWICH

(To be played January 26)

now fancy themselves with a crack at mighty Spurs.

Arsenal were brought to heel in a momentous night in the League Cup, Luton were swept aside in the Third Round of this competition, and now there seems no reason at all why Mayes, Rowland and Co shouldn't continue their



Birmingham striker Keith Bertschin (left) scores his side's first goal in their 2-1 defeat of Southampton in the Third Round.

Bet on Birmingham for Wembley

that at least it gives others a chance of playing at Wembley — otherwise these two would have been racing certs to meet there yet again — another that the match dwarfs everything into insignificance.

That's not quite true, of course, as Swindon Town will readily tell you.

Having caused a few ripples across the waves of the League Cup by demolishing Arsenal in the Quarter-Finals, the Wiltshire club

heroic exploits.

But the real surprise team challenging for a place in the last 16 are, of course, Isthmian League Harlow.

Their Second Round triumph over Southend was dramatic

enough, but when they added the scalp of high-flying Leicester in the last round, the Cup minnows from Essex had completed no less than ten games in the competition to reach this stage.

Now they must travel to Watford, confident that they can maintain their momentum and progress to the Fifth Round at the expense of a side who themselves captured the imagination of the nation with their League Cup exploits last season.

Having brought Malcolm Allison close to "the end of the world" by dismissing his precious Manchester City, the unlikely lads of Halifax Town now go hunting another scalp from the same area in Bolton.

As Wanderers manager Ian Greaves used to live on the outskirts of Halifax, he knows what a cold and unfriendly place it can be on a rainy Saturday afternoon, so he'll be glad his side at least has home advantage and doesn't have to travel to The Shay.

Paul Hendrie, the Halifax match-winner, once came within seven seconds of playing at Wembley. He was in the Birmingham City side beaten in the Semi-Finals by Fulham in 1975. One doubts whether he'll go so close again — but he'll try.

Mention of Birmingham brings

us to the St. Andrews club, who could well be the best bet for success from the Second Division.

Jim Smith has brought together the sort of players who love the big occasion and generally reproduce their best when it counts.

Southampton couldn't snuff out the talents of big Frank Worthington, little Archie Gemmill, the sophisticated Colin Todd, the sorcerer Willie Johnston.

We think Birmingham could be a good outside bet in the Cup, and drawn at home again against First Division Middlesbrough they may just start to get a vision of Wembley.

Ipswich are another side who could be worth a bob or two at the local betting shop.

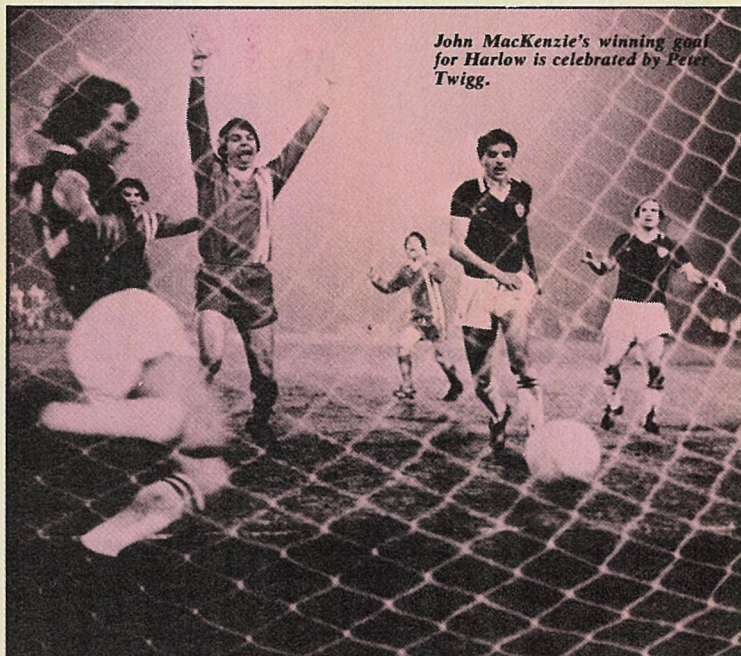
They're really putting their game together now with Mick Mills as influential as ever, Thijssen and Mühren proving that the best foreigners don't necessarily come from Argentina, and Eric Gates proving something of a find as a goalscorer.

Although Bristol City gave Derby a real spanking, Ipswich are a very different proposition and will take some toppling.

One clairvoyant has already spoilt it all by telling us that Wolves are going to win the Cup, so I suppose we might as well give them the trophy now — but that would be a shame with so much excitement to be had along the way.

Their victory at Notts County was certainly impressive and now a home tie against Norwich gives John Barnwell's men the right to feel that our star-gazing friend might just know something we don't.

Having disappointed themselves with a poor performance against Arsenal in last season's Semi-Final, the men from Molineux will be keen to go one better. For



John MacKenzie's winning goal for Harlow is celebrated by Peter Twigg.

and



Scottish Cup Third Round

Easy... Easy for the Old Firm

SPARKS are certain to fly at Tannadice on Saturday when Britain's closest rivals Dundee and Dundee United lock horns in battle in their intriguing Scottish Cup Third Round tie.

This is undoubtedly the game of the round North of the border and should be a sell-out. Dundee manager Tommy Gemmell enthuses: "What a wonderful draw for the city."

"I am sure it will be a great game for the fans. Both teams like to go forward and there should be plenty of action."

"It would give me the greatest of pleasure to knock our near-neighbours out of the Cup."

As far as Gemmell and his players are concerned, United have had their taste of glory this season by lifting the League Cup. Dundee now want to make it a Cup double for the city by winning the Scottish trophy.

Like Gemmell says, it should be an action-packed 90 minutes. United have players such as Paul Hegarty, David Narey, Paul Sturrock, Eamonn Bannon and Willie Pettigrew in their ranks and when they click they can be a fearsome combination.

Pettigrew, in particular, will be looking forward to the game. He once scored five goals against Dundee while he was a Motherwell player and in his last game on Dundee's ground he knocked in two to help United to their astonishing 3-0 victory over Aberdeen in the League Cup Final replay.

Intelligent

Dundee, though, are hoping to put pressure on the United rear-guard with their exciting youngsters Eric Sinclair and Ian Redford, two intelligent strike-force leaders.

It's difficult to forecast a winner from this match because home advantage means nothing with both teams so close to one another. We'll go for United, however, to edge through.

There is another all-Premier Division confrontation at Rugby Park where Kilmarnock face Partick Thistle. The players to watch out for in this game will be Bobby Houston, of the home side, and Thistle's Ian Jardine.

At the start of the season Houston was with Thistle and Jardine was at Rugby Park before they were swopped in a transfer deal!

Again, this could be a very tight match. Kilmarnock have been a strange mixture this season of the wonderful and the woeful, but if they turn it on against the Firhill men they should get through.

We've a hunch, though, that Thistle would be happy to settle for a draw away from home and settle the issue at Firhill.

The Old Firm of Celtic and

Rangers shouldn't have too much difficulty in getting into the Fourth Round draw. The Scottish Champions are at home to Raith Rovers at Parkhead while Rangers travel across Glasgow to Shawfield to face Clyde, who are currently struggling in the First Division.

Rangers have by no means had things all their own way in the Premier Division this season, and will be seeking success in the Cup not only to take the spotlight away from their neighbours, but also to ensure qualification for Europe next season.

Aberdeen, however, will also realise the need for a good Cup run this season, and Arbroath will present them with a few problems.

Aberdeen struggled at Gayfield earlier in the season in a League Cup tie when they faced Arbroath and there will be an action replay in the Scottish Cup, but we believe Alex Ferguson's men will have learned their lesson and will not falter at this hurdle.

The Dons have been so unlucky in trophies recently — twice beaten in the League Cup Final in successive seasons — and they are determined to make the breakthrough in the Scottish Cup. Arbroath shouldn't be powerful enough to put a dent in those ambitions.

Morton should enjoy some shooting practice against little Second Division Cowdenbeath, but their former striker Ian Harley, now with the Fife club, warns: "We will be having a go at Cap-pielow. They don't frighten us. We gave Partick Thistle a fright last year and I think we are a better team now."

That's fighting talk, but it is still highly unlikely that the spirited Fifers will send Morton to an early Cup grave. Andy Ritchie will undoubtedly agree!

However, the game of the day is at Tannadice where Cup fever will grip the city. It should be a good and entertaining Cup day for fans North of the border.

SCOTTISH CUP THIRD ROUND

DUNDEE UTD. v	DUNDEE
CLYDE v	RANGERS
ST. MIRREN v	BRECHIN CITY
ARBROATH v	ABERDEEN
CELTIC v	RAITH
MORTON v	COWDENBEATH
CLYDEBANK v	STIRLING A.
HAMILTON v	KEITH
DUMFRIES v	AYR UTD.
DUNFERMLINE v	BUCKIE THISTLE
AIRDRIE v	ST. JOHNSTONE
BERWICK v	PETERHEAD
MEADOWBANK v	HIBS
ALLOA v	HEARTS
QUEEN OF	
THE SOUTH v	MOTHERWELL
KILMARNOCK v	PARTICK THISTLE



Dundee United manager Jim McLean and skipper Paul Hegarty will be looking to repeat their League Cup success in this season's Scottish Cup.

people like Kenny Hibbitt, John Richards, Geoff Palmer, and Derek Parkin, who've played in League Cup Finals but not the 'real thing', this would be the highlight of rewarding careers without too many medals.

Alan Oakes has played in a Cup Final for Manchester City, and after Chester's fine triumph at St James' Park against Newcastle he had a right to get the old F.A. Cup tangles down the spine again.

He must be realistic enough to know that Chester hardly present him with a great chance of returning, but with a home draw against Millwall they could just be rubbing their hands at the prospect of further progress.

Everton are handed a home tie for the second time running and they have the experience and know how to make up for a disappointing time in the League.

Aston Villa too are a side to be fancied, especially now that the internal squabbles have been left simmering and the players are being allowed to get on with the job of winning matches. A trip to Cambridge shouldn't hold too many fears for them and Coventry should hold too many cards to fail against opponents from a lower station.

Watch out for Wrexham though, the sort of club that can cause more than the odd upset if they get far along the road. Victory at Carlisle will set them up nicely for another tilt at the biggest prize of all.

West Ham, conquerors of First Division West Bromwich Albion, must fancy their chances of repeating their 1975 success, but neighbours Arsenal will be in no mood to relinquish their hold on the trophy when they meet improving Brighton at Highbury, the fifth time this season the two sides have met.



MARK LAWRENSON Brighton's Beckenbauer

WHY, you may well ask, is Mark Lawrenson sitting holding a giant, cuddly teddy bear?

"After all the injuries I've had lately, any mascot is welcome," explains the Brighton star. "I was out for ten weeks at the start of the season with severed ankle ligaments. That was terrible."

"It's easy to get depressed when you've got a bad injury like that, but the club were great. They didn't give me time to feel sorry for myself. I was in for treatment and training every day."

"In fact, I was training so hard to keep the rest of my body fit, I lost weight. I was doing a lot of strengthening exercises and I went swimming every day too."

But Mark puts his return to complete fitness down to living beside the seaside!

"Yes, if you've ever got a bad ankle, you should go paddling in the sea every day," he smiled.

'Freezing'

"I remember one very chilly morning, I was paddling along the beach and my feet were freezing. I was just thinking 'this isn't too clever', when somebody came down on to the beach, changed into his swimming trunks and ran straight into the sea. I didn't feel so cold after that!"

Mark's early season injury followed hard on the heels of last season's broken arm. So, no wonder he's getting a little superstitious these days.

"Just before I broke my arm, the club's specialist surgeon came into the ground and he was showing me this new revolutionary style of plaster-cast. Two days later I was wearing it on my broken right arm. So, I've told him, when he's got another new idea... I don't want to know anything about it!"

Brighton certainly miss Mark when he's out. But this season he's jumped back into action in an unfamiliar role.

"When the boss asked me if I'd like to give it a try in midfield, I was only too pleased. I'd been out so long, it was just great to be back again. I would have played anywhere. I wasn't fully match fit, so it wouldn't have been a good idea to go straight into the back-four again. So, I was in midfield for our away game at Forest."

At the time, you'll remember, the critics were writing Brighton off. But the South Coast Seagulls showed they had some fight left in them and beat Clough's men by a single goal.

"That was a great result for us," said Mark. "It really lifted the players and the supporters. The feeling in the town was great. You'd have thought we'd won the Cup."

"I've enjoyed my role in midfield, but Alan Mullery has made it clear it's only a temporary measure. I'll go back to my usual position eventually."

Mullery is one of Mark's greatest admirers, and Alan's sure the kid from Preston can go to the very top.

"When I signed him I knew the lad had tremendous potential. Now people can see what I was talking about. I said he could be another Beckenbauer... and I stand by that."

Mark's big ambition right now is to re-establish himself in the Ere team after an eight game absence spanning nearly twelve months due to his recurring injuries.

At 22, Mark is one of Britain's rising young stars. To reach his full potential, he needs the luck to steer clear of more serious injuries. And that's why you'll find him holding that teddy bear mascot, down at the Goldstone!

SPURS, not Manchester United, travel to Swindon this Saturday for the F.A. Cup Fourth Round... and rightly so. I have no complaints about our 1-0 defeat at Old Trafford. The Londoners played with a lot of heart, commitment, determination and skill and deserved their famous victory.

It was a gutsy performance, especially as they lost Milija Aleksic in the second-half with a broken jaw. We simply didn't get going and have only ourselves to blame. If you can't beat a team at home when they have a stand-in goalkeeper you

can't claim bad luck or anything; it's your own fault.

For the first five minutes we really went to town, launching attack after attack. Then, for some reason, we stopped playing and the person who said there was only one side in it wasn't far wrong.

I've no idea why United were so poor, although I don't want to take anything away from Spurs. We've been superb at Old Trafford all season and had dropped just two League points at the time.

When Aleksic went off we changed our game completely, which looking back was wrong, although understandable. We started sending in crosses from everywhere, even the halfway line

Ray Wilkins
WRITES
FOR YOU





"Spurs striker Chris Jones fires in a shot in an attempt to resolve the Third Round tie at White Hart Lane."

Partridge's patience being tested. I went over to the Argentinian and told him to watch out . . . to cool down otherwise he'd be in more trouble. Thankfully, he bit his lip and walked away.

His replay goal was brilliantly taken. The tiny midfielder had hardly any strength left, so much had he put into the tie. When Ricardo Villa passed to him, Ossie somehow found that bit extra to send the ball over Gary Bailey.

Our dressing-room was like a

morgue afterwards. The players just sat there saying: "How the hell did we lose to them?" Or words to that effect.

Dave Sexton was speechless and we didn't really talk about our failings until training on the Friday. We let ourselves down, although I emphasise: good luck to Spurs, they were the better team on the night.

I hope they win the Cup. Better to be knocked out by the eventual winners! Having passed The Big Test, the trip to Swindon won't seem too daunting and if they work as hard as they did at Old Trafford they'll win again.

Spurs make it difficult for opponents with their work-rate and get

'WE GOT WHAT WE DESERVED'

to test Glenn, but the referee was rightly over-protective to him, so in the end we had to revert to far-post centres for Joe Jordan or Gordon McQueen to nod back.

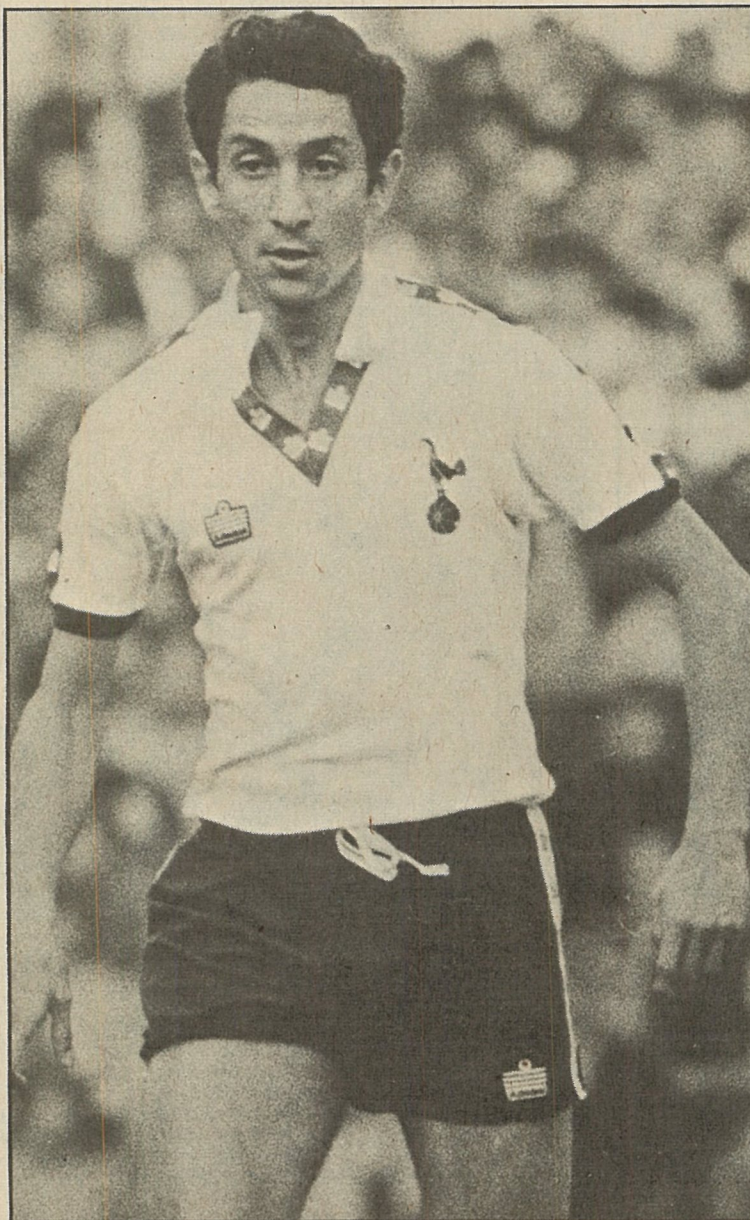
Let me say right now that I don't believe Joe deliberately hurt Aleksic, a fact which the 'keeper, himself, and Keith Burkinshaw acknowledged. When I joined United I was obviously aware of Joe's reputation, which was hardly a good one.

I genuinely think Joe has made a big effort to curb his aggression this season. He'll still give 100 per cent and go in where it hurts, but he's controlled himself and is certainly taking more punishment than he's dishing out. Still, give a dog a bad name . . .

Glenn did well in goal and has now kept two clean-sheets in his two appearances between the sticks. We should have put him under more pressure, though. We had our chances. Gordon McQueen hit the woodwork and he'll be the first to admit he should have scored from my free-kick when, with the goal at his mercy, he headed wide.

The player who finally won the tie was, undoubtedly, the Man of the Matches, if there is such a title. Osvaldo Ardiles showed what a great player he is — not that anyone had any reservations. He was, quite simply, superb. At White Hart Lane his running with the ball had us in all sorts of trouble and at Old Trafford he was no less effective.

Ossie got into a spot of bother in the first game when he was booked for dissent after conceding the penalty. His English is certainly good enough to earn a yellow card and the way he was going I could see Pat



"Milija Aleksic (left) clears from Lou Macari before his unfortunate clash with Joe Jordan. Osvaldo Ardiles (right), a worthy match winner for Spurs at Old Trafford."

the ball to Hoddle, Villa or Ardiles as quickly and often as possible. I'd love to see Ossie play at Wembley — he would grace the stadium with his many skills.

Tottenham are becoming my bogey side. When I was with Chelsea they beat us in a vital League game to send us into Division Two — and now the F.A. Cup.

Still, at least our season isn't over, as it will be for even more clubs after Saturday. We have plenty to fight for, even though it is a big task to win the League.

Fighters

I concede that Liverpool are the best team around. Having said that, we're fighters and if we're with them by the time we play at Old Trafford in April then things could be very interesting.

It hasn't been good for the First Division to have two teams pulling away from the rest. Mind you, if Arsenal or Forest or someone could string five wins together they'd be right on our heels.

Our aim is to stop Liverpool from doing the 'double'. It's very hard to say who will win out of Forest and Liverpool at the City Ground this weekend, but Liverpool are so resolute that I am loathe to go against them. It should be a marvellous tie, whatever the outcome.

Good luck, also, to the giantkillers such as Harlow and Halifax. When Halifax beat Manchester City, Manchester United fans had a good chuckle. He who laughs last laughs longest . . . I wonder who will be on the wrong end of a surprise result this Saturday?

Join me again in a fortnight,

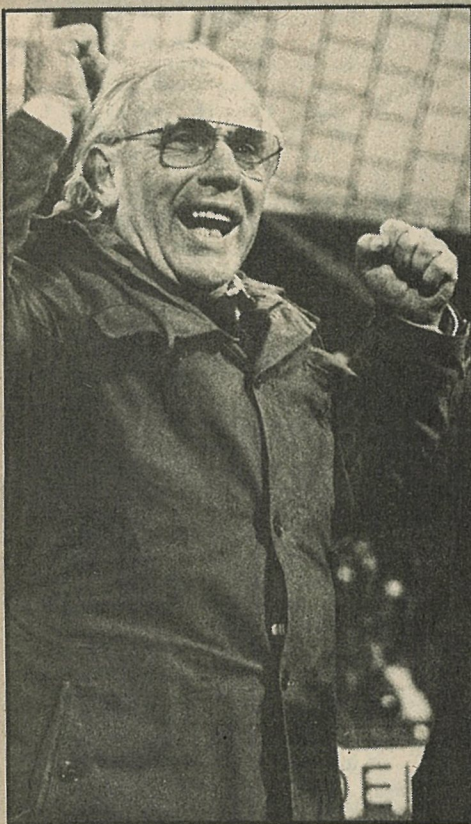
Ray Purrington

In terms of Press publicity, Brian Clough can claim more mileage than a London taxi. Rarely a day goes by without some brash deed or comment staring out from the back pages — or even the front pages. Even a brusque 'no comment' from Clough somehow gets reported. Now, with English football on its way back to prominence, foreign journalists are beginning to take an interest in the colourful and controversial character who led Forest to the European Cup. Our friends from French magazine *ONZE* recently sent a man to interview Cloughie, and the French reporter got a laugh from the Forest boss by explaining that in France the Nottingham supremo is as widely known as Robin Hood.

"I've never heard that one before, but I don't object to the comparison at all!"

With the ice broken, Clough went on to make some revealing and amusing statements...

Clough on the Germans "One of my sons is studying German — in case they try another invasion! You can never tell with the Germans. I'll tell you a story about our European Cup Semi-Final against Cologne last year. After the 3-3 draw in the first-leg, their manager Hennes Weisweiler was all smiles, posing for photos with his arms round me, saying I was the best. Then what happened after we'd beaten them 1-0 in the return leg in Cologne? He turned his back on me and shut himself in the dressing-room with his team. No handshakes or photos. No accolades. No smiles for the Press. Finished. That's typically German for you."



Clough on his departure from Derby "No comment. You'd better ask the Derby directors about that. Or ask Archie Gemmill why he followed me to Forest."

Clough on Leeds United "Just a lightning visit! 44 days to be precise. Jock Stein was only there 45 days before he left to take on the Scotland job. You've heard what? That I said Palermo in Sicily was meant to be the Mafia headquarters, but I reckoned it was the Leeds dressing-rooms? I said that? Well, it's possible. I say many things and I'm supposed to have said so much more..."

'I'm too old

Clough on club directors "That subject is finished. Let's not speak about it. It's finished."

Clough on Brighton "They were the only club who came in with an offer after the Derby affair. Things didn't go too well. Part of the trouble was I lived in Derby, and my kids even had problems with their mates at school. At one stage I even told Simon he wasn't to take anything with Brighton colours into the class. We still live in Derby now because I have never wanted my kids to have to change their schooling."

Clough on Politics "I'm a Socialist, and I have been since I was 20. Possibly I'm more socialist now than ever. You think it's a paradox to be a socialist and drive a Mercedes 280 SE and earn big money? Everyone's entitled to his opinion. But you've only got to open your eyes to find reinforcement for your beliefs."

Clough on Peter Taylor "He was the goalkeeper at Middlesbrough and I was the centre-forward. We've rarely been apart since. Jimmy Gordon was our coach up there, and he's still with us too. He's 64 now, but he takes care of the training sessions at Forest. Peter and I think along the same lines, though he's more actively involved in recruiting players. His latest coup was to snatch Gary Mills of Northampton from under the noses of Arsenal. Peter kidnapped him at the last moment! Garry Birtles was another of Peter's successes. I travelled to see him in action, and I wasn't convinced. Even when we had him on trial for a month he wasn't outstanding. But Peter insisted, and he came through in a big way."



Clough on breaking the £1,000,000 barrier "Don't blame me! I didn't fix the price."

Birmingham City did that. We weren't the only bidders. Coventry were interested and it got almost like an auction. We won. That's all there is to it. What people don't realise is that I've also earned a lot of money for Forest. I signed Archie Gemmill from Derby for £25,000 in a swap deal with John Middleton and sold him to Birmingham for £160,000. Peter Withe cost us £20,000 and I sold him for £250,000. I signed Chris Woods for £10 and sold him to Q.P.R. for £250,000."

Cologne boss Hennes Weisweiler (top left) and Forest assistant manager Peter Taylor (above).

for England' - CLOUGH

Clough on discipline "I don't think I've ever fined Kenny Burns for foul play. I've given him a few lectures, that's for sure. And he's had to play in the reserves. But he was named Footballer of the Year in 1977/78 — that says something, doesn't it? No, it isn't true that I fined Trevor Francis £50 for an unauthorised interview."

Clough on communicating with his players "With Trevor Francis I talk exclusively about dollars. With the others I talk whatever language I think will get through to them."



Kenny Burns in trouble at Spurs (above, left). Trevor Francis (left), Britain's first £1 million player. Clough has made a conscious effort to stamp out hooliganism (below).



Clough on his 'anti-hooligan' campaign "No one's going to give me any medals for that. It's nothing special. I've got three kids and I think all fathers must be anti-hooligans. That's the least they can do. It's their duty as parents."
Clough on 'fanatical' British fans "I don't mind fans supporting their team. Except when it's Liverpool or Everton! Or worse still, the Manchester clubs! There seems to be no way of communicating with some of them, and they're just completely and blindly intolerant. And I won't even mention the religious bigotry in Glasgow."

Clough on his future "If I leave Forest, I'll retire from football. You don't believe me? Then you're mistaken. Manager of England? Too late. I'm too old."

JOHN O'NEILL'S degree in football

LEICESTER City centre-back John O'Neill belongs to that growing band of footballers who have brains as well as brawn.

For the 21-year-old Irishman is not only a regular face in the City line-up but is a fully-fledged graduate, having won a Bachelor of Science degree earlier this year.

"Having qualifications is a good security policy," says John. "I want to make football my life but it is always nice to have something to fall back on if things don't work out."

The huge, fair-haired defender has achieved both those aims this season — but it's taken a lot of hard work. For during the last three years he has studied economics and accountancy at Loughborough University and played for City on Saturday.

John's fairytale rise into the limelight began in the summer of 1976 with a piece of the legendary Irish luck.

He was offered an apprenticeship with City but it looked like the deal would not go through because he did not want to waste the 'A' levels he had earned.

But after a good deal of talking he was allowed to sign on to the Filbert Street books and study for his degree at University.

There were a lot of pressures, trying to cram two time-consuming activities into a 24-hour day. "It certainly had its problems but it was all worthwhile in the end. In some ways it was a great help doing both things because if the studying was getting me down, I could go to training or play on a Saturday and it would ease my mind," he explained.

Enjoyment

During his first year with Leicester he played in the reserves and then at the beginning of last season, new manager Jock Wallace gave him his big break.

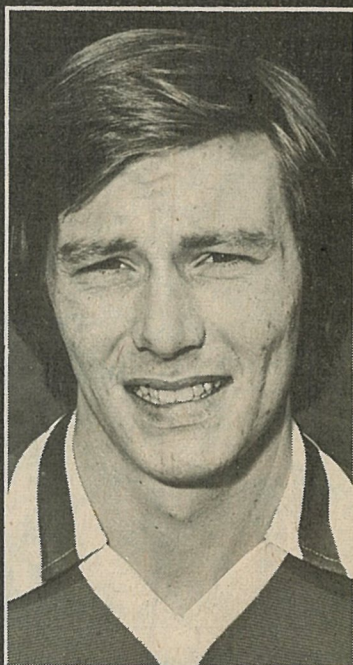
"Previously I had just played for enjoyment and suddenly it was something different," said John. "And it was even more unusual for me because I was still at University and only an amateur."

He played in most of the games until the end of last season and looked like becoming a regular during this campaign, but injury kept him out until the beginning of November.

Sometimes the events of the last three years have seemed farcical to John. Have you heard the one about the Irishman who studied economics and accountancy and then became a full-time footballer?

It's a quip that John gets used to, along with all the other good-natured jibes his team-mates give him.

"Being an Irishman, I get stick from the rest of the lads," says John. "But a lot of the burden has been taken off my shoulders by Pat Byrne, because he comes from the



South and has a much stronger accent so he is the centre of most of the jokes."

John comes from the strife-torn town of Londonderry but he still loves going home and one of his greatest ambitions is to play for Northern Ireland.

He has been capped with the Under-21 side and has been in the full-team squad several times but he is hoping to play in that famous emerald green shirt in the near future.

What he would really like to see is a united Ireland side incorporating the best of the North and South. "Obviously, a lot of politics is involved at the moment but I think there will be just one Irish team in the not too distant future."

"Only then, will Ireland ever stand a chance of being a football force to be reckoned with."

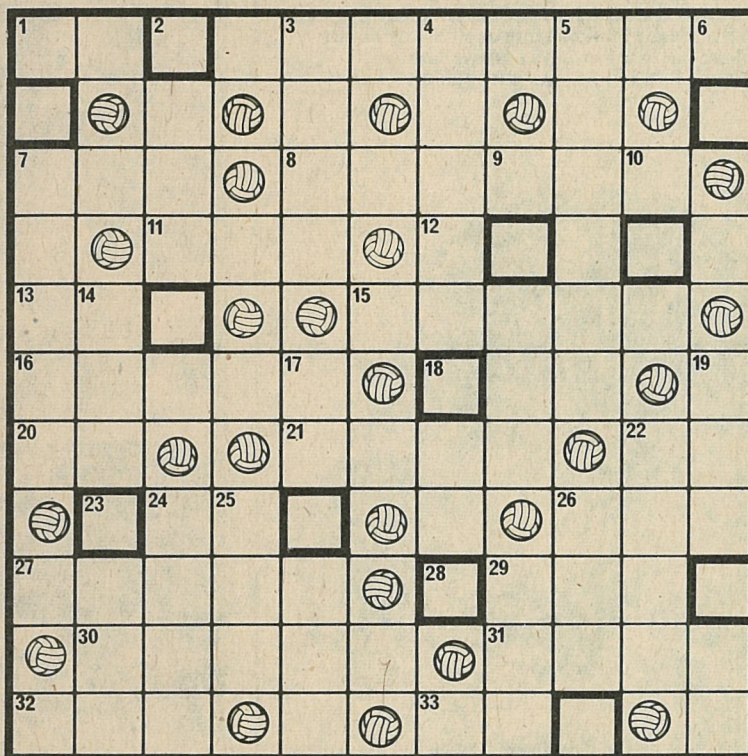
City are certainly showing they have their own aspirations of being a team to be feared in the Second Division and the run of good results this season have boosted John's game and morale. But he names two particular people for influencing his improving performances.

Jim O'Hare was the man who shaped John from a raw, enthusiastic nine-year-old into a rugged professional defender. "He was marvellous," says John. "He was the City scout who recommended me to Jimmy Bloomfield after giving me a tremendous amount of advice and encouragement."

"Since I have been in England I would say Jock Wallace has affected my game more than anyone. He wasn't worried about me only being an amateur when he first picked me and I'm really grateful to him for giving me a break."

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Derby County striker. Answers on page 38.



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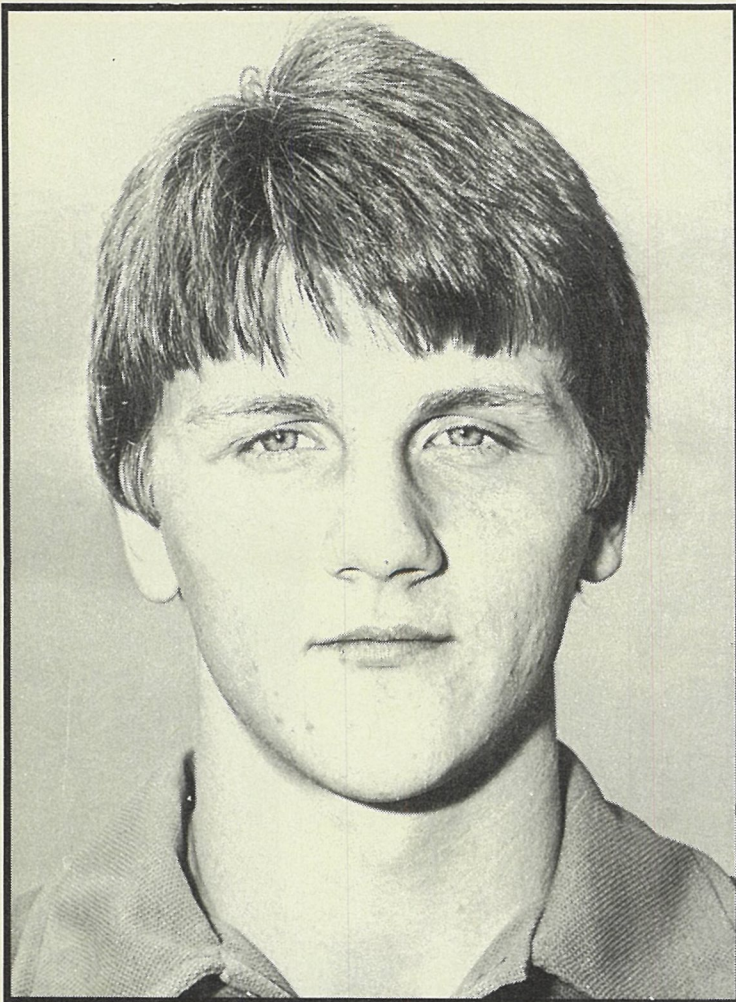
- (1) Paul —, Crystal Palace defender.
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- (29) Kevin K---an of Norwich.



A FEW months ago teenage goalkeeper John Lukic was learning his trade in the obscurity of second team football.

Now, thanks to a string of brilliant performances as stand-in for injured Scottish international David Harvey, Leeds United's newest discovery looks like becoming a firm favourite with First Division crowds up and down the country this year.

"It's been like a dream this season," says Lukic, who was 19 in December.

"Until I was drafted into the side for the U.E.F.A. Cup game against Valletta at Elland Road in October I'd only played for the seniors once — in a pre-season friendly in Germany last August."

But the 6ft 4in former England Youth international omits to mention that he was the star of United's victory over West German club Werder Bremen, who included England centre-half Dave Watson that day.

It was that display which convinced Leeds manager Jimmy Adamson that he need have no worries if the ever-reliable Harvey was unavailable.

And so it was proved. Lukic, born in Chesterfield like so many top-class 'keepers such as Gordon Banks, Bob Wilson and Alan Stevenson, has stepped into the limelight with an ease which has surprised even Adamson.

"He's always cool and confident, never shows nerves and doesn't worry about the occasional mistake," says his boss. "He's as brave as they come and his efforts played no small part in our recovery in the pre-Christmas period."

Typically, Lukic gives much of the credit for his work to David Harvey.

He said: "After nearly every game

he has discussed my performance and analysed my technique.

"He's done his best for me at a time when he might have been expected to be more concerned with his own injury problems.

"He's been great. In fact ever since Jimmy Armfield brought me to Elland Road in the summer of 1977 I could not have wished for a better or more considerate adviser than David."

John admits that although he is naturally easy going, when it comes to his job he gives 100 per cent.

"It's my passport to security and I'm not going to risk my future through lack of interest," he says.

Having played nine times for Ron Greenwood's Youth team last season Lukic (pronounced Lukeitch) has tasted the international atmosphere and he likes it.

'Learning'

"But I don't automatically expect to be called into the Under-21 side," he insists. "Gary Bailey, of Manchester United, seems to have a strong claim, for instance.

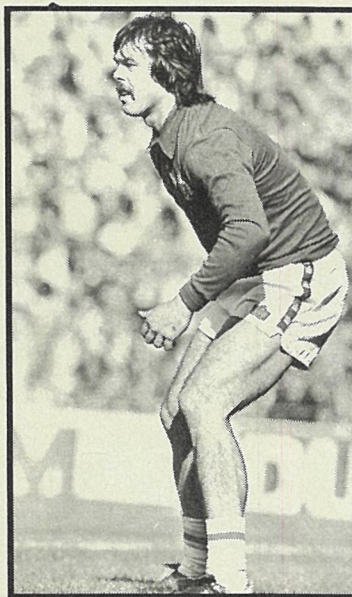
"All I can do is carry on learning my profession and hope that any success I'm lucky enough to enjoy doesn't make me big-headed."

There doesn't seem much danger of that. Every weekend he drives to Chesterfield to see his parents, Yugoslav emigres who met in this country after the War.

"They'll keep me on the straight and narrow," laughs John, who says it always brings him down to earth, no matter how well he's played the previous day, when he meets his friends in the Chesterfield area.

"To them I'm still the lad who

JOHN LUKIC Leeds' new star 'keeper thanks to DAVID HARVEY



could only speak Yugoslavian when he first went to school at the age of five. And they never let me get ideas above my station!"

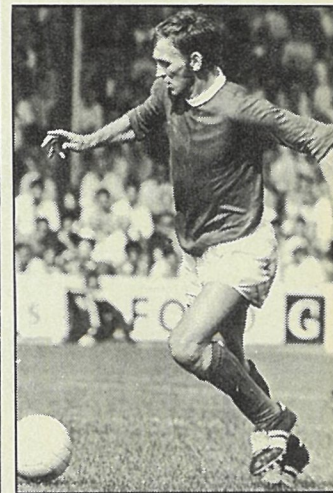
Last word from Leeds assistant-manager Maurice Lindley, who was instrumental in Lukic joining the club: "John will go a long way in the game. Only a complete reversal of character can hold him back."

Lukic, despite his ambitions and promise, is resigned to returning to the reserves. And manager Adamson has pointed out that Harvey is still the number one 'keeper.

But knowledgeable observers reckon that before long Lukic will be the recognised first choice — probably next season after Harvey has taken a well-deserved testimonial which closes at the end of the present campaign.

Meanwhile, the youngster is happy to do his 'bit' and collect a few more winning first team bonuses which is his only advantage in being in the senior team — "Apart from the glory and experience," he says with pride.

New Lives for Old Stars PAT CRERAND



FORMER Manchester United and Scotland star Pat Crerand is currently discovering just how the fame he earned on the field in the 1960's is helping him in his new job, as public relations officer for a Manchester Engineering Company.

"Being known from my Manchester United days helps a great deal. People recognise your face and start talking to you," he says. "That is the great thing about football, everybody can talk about it. Once the conversation gets going, it makes my job a lot easier, and soccer always breaks the ice."

Yet even now Pat has a longing to return to the game he loves, as a coach or manager after an unsuccessful spell as Tommy Docherty's assistant at Old Trafford and an abortive time in control of Northampton.

"I still go to at least one game every week. I also do a little bit of work for Scotland boss Jock Stein and I can see how the game is changing," he says.

"It is not as entertaining as it was 15 years ago. Soccer is much more coached, and natural play is no longer encouraged.

"At the moment in England there are a number of good players between the ages of 17 and 21, and if only the coaches would leave them alone, who knows if another George Best might emerge from them.

"The present day United team is very different to the one I played for. They are not as exciting to watch, but are still very difficult to beat, and I feel they are not far short of Liverpool now.

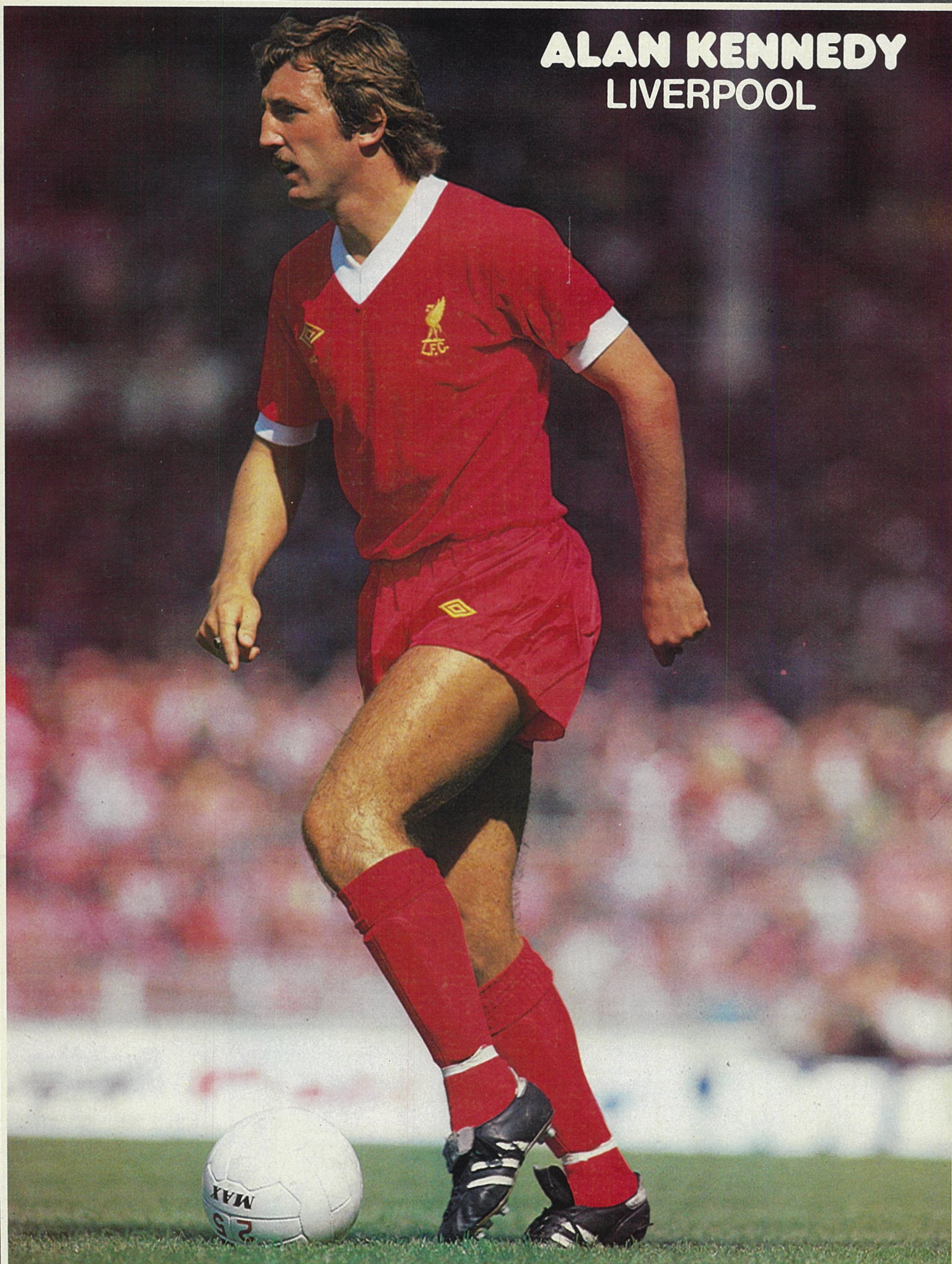
"I enjoy football, and would love to make a return to the game in some capacity. I have made several attempts to get back into the game, but the opportunities are just not there. I would like to think I could help improve it a little bit, and would just like the chance to prove it."



*Derby's Roger Davies (white shirt)
challenges Mark Proctor and Irving
Nattress of Middlesbrough.*

SHOOT!

ALAN KENNEDY
LIVERPOOL



SHOOT!

LATEST star goalie planning to set up as a specialist coach to goalkeepers is former Millwall and Coventry star Bryan King. Bryan, forced to quit football through a knee injury, plans to start work in July at the end of the Norwegian season. Bryan has been manager of Harstad for the past two years.

Hot Hesford

IAIN Hesford, Blackpool's brilliant 20-year-old goalkeeper, looks like being one of the hot properties of the 80's.

The struggling Third Division club rate him in the £500,000 class and he is freely being tipped for England honours, yet he started this season in the reserves after Blackpool had signed Tom McAlister.

Hesford's problems started last season when he made a few costly errors and became a constant target for the terrace boo boys.

"I wanted to leave because of all the stick I had been getting and I was glad to be in the reserves at the start of this season to get away from them."

"Playing in the reserves helped me to regain confidence and when I got back in the first team things improved."

Says manager Stan Ternent: "The fans gave Iain a tough time. But he came through it all like a good pro. He has the temperament, the physique and the talent to reach the very top."

Now Blackpool are faced with the problem of trying to hold on to him.

ST. PATRICK'S Athletic have snapped up Tommy Barron, who returned homesick to Dublin from Stoke City.

Meanwhile moving the other way across the Irish sea was Aidan McKenzie, who left Galway Rovers for Lincoln City.

Top scorer - a reserve

STEVE Lynex (right) finished the year in a most unusual position. He was Birmingham City's leading goalscorer but he was unable to command a regular first team place at St. Andrews.

Birmingham boss, Jim Smith, said: "It's unfortunate that I have so many first team players in contention."

"Steve has been a great asset and he is an invaluable member of my squad. There is no doubt that his goals have kept us in the promotion race."

Lynex arrived at Birmingham just before the end of last season and cost the Second Division club just £10,000 when he was signed from Shamrock Rovers following a trial.

Previously he had been with West Bromwich Albion but was allowed to leave and followed his former manager, Johnny Giles, to Shamrock.

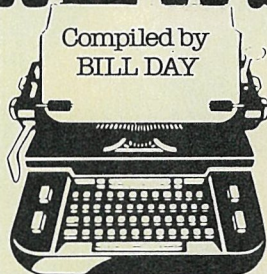
JACKIE Charlton has many promising youngsters under his wing at Sheffield Wednesday and none have pleased the Hillsborough manager more than Melvyn Sterland, an 18-year-old midfielder or forward.

A local born youngster, he is a former Sheffield and South Yorkshire schoolboy player who was in the team which reached the Semi-Final of the English Schools Trophy.

He got his first taste of League action when coming on as sub against Blackpool last season and then scored when playing in his first full League game.

NEWS

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DESK

Larry Lloyd wants to manage club

LARRY Lloyd, Nottingham Forest's former England centre-half, wants to become a manager when he retires from football.

But first he would prefer to cut his teeth in charge of a club as a player-manager.

He takes his inspiration from John Toshack's success in leading Swansea from the Fourth Division to the Second after leaving Liverpool.

"I still have something to offer as a player and the ideal thing would be to combine the two at this stage and gradually phase myself out from the playing side," Lloyd said.

Lloyd considered making an application for the vacant Bristol Rovers job, but still has to honour a three year contract with Forest.

He has a soft spot for the West Country club whom he joined after leaving school. He played 43 League games for them before joining Liverpool (right) for £50,000 in 1969.

Lloyd once captained England's Under-23 side and gained three full international caps. But at the moment he is too valuable to Brian Clough, whose club have a fine chance of bringing more honours to the City Ground this season.



Happy Knapp

ENGLISH exile Tony Knapp has been helping to set Scandinavia on fire in the season that has just finished.

Tony, former Southampton, Leicester, Coventry and Tranmere centre-half, has just arrived back at his home in Norwich after an unprecedented hat-trick of successes in the Norwegian League.

Tony, 42, has won the First Division Championship, the Norwegian Cup and the Youth Cup as coach to the Stavanger club, Viking.

Now Knapp faces his sixth year out of the last seven playing in major European competition when he starts next season in the European Cup with Viking.

He has coached Iceland in the World Cup and European Championship, earned a memorable draw with East Germany with his team of amateurs, and in the U.E.F.A. Cup last season also earned a draw with Borussia Mönchengladbach.

He has signed another two year contract with Viking after turning down a tempting offer to go back to Iceland as national team manager.

Says Tony: "We have a great set up in Stavanger. But we have to produce our own players. Last season we paid a record transfer fee of £3,000 for one new player."



Willie Wallace Aussie Bound...

AN offer of managership from Apia, of Sydney, in the Australian National League, has resulted in Dundee coach Willie Wallace (left) handing in his notice at Dens Park.

"It is an offer which I simply can't turn down," said the former Celtic and Scotland star.

He has a two year contract worth £12,000 a year.

Willie has already had experience of Australian football. He played with Apia at the tail end of his playing career.

... and Gordon Quits

Player-manager Gordon Wallace (right) of Raith Rovers has decided to retire.

Now 36, Gordon wants to devote himself entirely to managing the Kirkcaldy club full-time.

JOHN McGlynn, an 18-year-old midfielder player with Bolton, walks and trains his brother's greyhound.

McGlynn, who was a schoolboy player with Dundee United, is a young Scot who means to have a trade behind him. He has done one year as an apprentice plumber and is continuing to obtain his City and Guild certificate.



Rangers Sprinting

QUEENS Park Rangers have revived their one-day-a-week sprint training sessions conducted by the club's chief executive Ron Jones, a former Olympic sprinter.

Former manager Dave Sexton introduced the special track sessions, but they were scrapped when he left Loftus Road. The players are pleased. "Apart from helping our fitness it breaks up the normal training routine," says defender Steve Wicks.

Mills urges transfer ceiling

BRITAIN will have to fall into line with the Union of European Football Associations and impose a ceiling on transfer fees, claims Mick Mills, Ipswich's captain and England full-back.

Mills is concerned about the growing exodus of stars from these shores to the Continent.

"It now seems a matter of time before Liam Brady, of Arsenal, follows Kevin Keegan, Laurie Cunningham and Tony Woodcock abroad.

"As far as I can see we will have to get in line with U.E.F.A., who have a £500,000 ceiling on fees, or we will have to make foreign clubs pay the sort of money the players would be worth at home.

"But let's not knock the lads who have gone abroad, everyone in any walk of life wants to better themselves, and a footballer is no different from the thousands of engineers, oil workers and others who have invaded the Arab states



in search of rich pickings."

Footnote: On the subject of figures in East Anglia, Mick Mills (above) made his 600th appearance for Ipswich against West Bromwich Albion on New Year's Day and Kevin Keelan (above, right) Norwich's long serving goalkeeper, played his 663rd game for the Carrow club to beat Ron Ashman's record established 15 years ago.



Crewe Rich

IT wasn't exactly a vintage year for Crewe in 1979. They had to apply for re-election for the seventh time since the War and the highest position they held in Division Four was 21st. This season, they've been in bottom place most of the time.

However, there was some good news when it was announced their lottery had realised a profit of £87,000, which helped turn a trading loss of £40,000 into a profit of £58,117, a record.

TOP SOCCER PRIZEWINNERS

FREEBIE

Readers were asked to name the Nottm. Forest scorers against Liverpool in the 1978/79 European Cup tie at the City Ground. Garry Birtles netted the first and Colin Barrett thumped home the second in a 2-0 victory. The first five correct answers received came from William Aitkenhead of Grangemouth, Gareth Baker of Holywell, Glyn Evans of Wantage, Mark Hale of Wallasey and Philip Saxton of Nottingham. A 'Print For Sport' action calendar of Nottm. Forest has gone to each winner.

MERSEY MATES

Our action picture from a Merseyside derby features a dozen players in a rather undignified brawl and we asked readers to supply a funny caption for the occasion. There were a lot of very good entries but in the end the Editor decided that the most applicable caption came from Michael Ward of Redcar. Mike's caption was: "We don't have to fight about who has the kick-off!" A fiver goes to Michael, while £1 prizes go to the senders of the next five best entries. These came from Alex Casey of Brierly Hill, John McNuff of Harpurhey, Stuart Mozley of Redcar, Alistair Murray of Linwood, and Dean Rhodes of Telford.

SPOT THE PLAYER

The first correct answer to the TOP SOCCER player spotting problem came from David Waller of Horley, who correctly identified the mystery-man as being Ian Wallace of Coventry and Scotland. A £5 prize is on its way to you, David, with our congratulations.

United's Nicholl to lead Irish?

NORTHERN Ireland will have a new manager before long, and the chances are Danny Blanchflower's successor will appoint a new captain.

Allan Hunter and Bryan Hamilton have shared the skipper's duties, but they're at the end of their careers.

The player who could lead Northern Ireland during the 80's is Manchester United's 24-year-old defender Jimmy Nicholl.

The red-haired Nicholl already has 25 caps and has captained the Under-21 team. He's been a regular for almost four years and has the advantage of being able to play full-back, sweeper or even in midfield.

Despite being born in Canada, Jimmy is really a Belfast boy and seems to have the right qualities needed to lead his country.

CHARLIE Hurley, the former Sunderland player was voted 'Player of the Century' by Sunderland supporters throughout Britain.



FACTastic

SAMMY McIlroy, Manchester United's midfield star is well on the way to his 300th League game. He will never forget his debut at Old Trafford at the age of 17. That was on November 13th, 1971 when he lined-up in a front line which read: Willie Morgan (Scotland), McIlroy, Bobby Charlton (England), Denis Law (Scotland) and George Best (Ireland). United beat Spurs 3-1, Sammy scoring the first goal.

ARTHUR Albiston is making a fast recovery from a cartilage operation and should be pressing for a first team place at Manchester United shortly.

The young Scot last played on October 27 in a goalless draw at Everton.

Jehovah Tambling

FORMER Chelsea star Bobby Tambling has not played for Cork United this season, but he is still involved with football. Tambling, who moved to Cork five years ago to do Evangelistic work for the Jehovah Witnesses, now manages a sports shop on Leaside.

Tambling is not the first professional footballer to become a Jehovah's Witness. Peter Knowles ended a promising career at Wolverhampton Wanderers to follow the faith.

Costly Brighton

IT is not often you find Liverpool near the bottom of the table, but a list published of admission prices for top stand seats in the First Division finds the League Champions in the 'relegation zone'.

They charge £2.50 for all seats and only Middlesbrough, at £2.30 are cheaper.

Most expensive to watch are Brighton, at £4.50, followed by Arsenal (£4.50) and Coventry, West Brom and Wolves (all £3.70).

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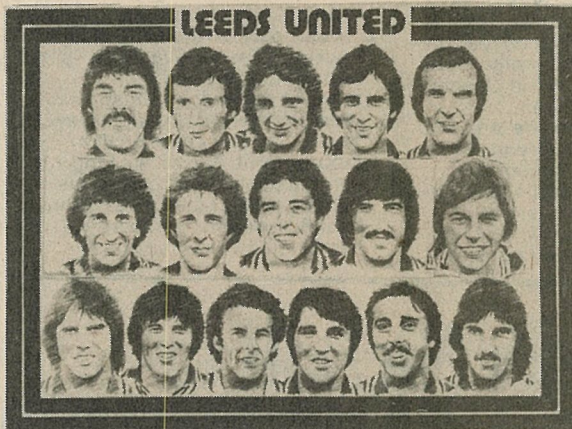
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SO it didn't go quite to script when D. McGrain Esq., won his 41st cap against Belgium in the European Championship match at Hampden.

In fact if our 3-1 whitewashing was in the plan I think I will find the scriptwriter and shoot him! Seriously though, in all honesty I was fairly pleased with my own performance.

It was just like my first cap all over again. I felt great and if I was getting blase about all my international appearances before, it was a complete new outlook this time.

Perhaps it was because of the long gap between my previous cap and this one, or because it was my first Scotland game under Jock Stein, but it was an amazing feeling.

But then I don't suppose the manager, the rest of the players or

'Scrap the Under-21 side'

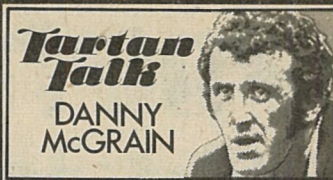
the fans enjoyed it quite so much. For the big question is: Where do we go against Portugal on February 6?

Well, only the manager knows all the answers but it was not as black as some people would think against Belgium.

We tried a lot of things in that game. Some worked, some didn't and although we conceded terrible, unforgiveable goals, they really stuck away every chance they had.

They played it simple and were more like a club team than an international side. As soon as they got the vital first goal they were always in command. I believe they could give a few sides with established reputations a fright in the Finals in Italy in the summer.

But what of Scotland? A lot can happen before the Portugal game, but it seems to me we are at the embryo stage again. International class players are thin on the ground.



In 1974 when we reached the World Cup Finals in West Germany we had 40 class players. Now, we miss a Bremner or a Law and although we have a highly successful Under-21 squad, there is a huge gap between that level and full international football.

Our complete Under-21 midfield of Eamonn Bannon, John Wark and Roy Aitken stepped in against Belgium and found out what it was all about.

I am not completely convinced by that old adage that if they are good enough, they are old enough... and indeed I think it might be quite a good idea to restore football at Under-23 level.

I would like to see the instigation of Under-23 to the exclusion of the Under-21 level. OK, you might argue, we are allowed two "over age" players at the 21 level, but that is not enough.

Shorter

Restore Under-23 football and you bring back a shorter stepping stone to the big time.

Meanwhile, on a different subject altogether, I want to add to my New Year resolutions made in a previous Tartan Talk and wish a controversy free decade to our referees.

It seems to me that they are up to their necks in all sorts of bother this winter and it is not always their fault.

Fans and players alike should accept that refs are only human and they should be entitled to one little bloomer every now and then, for after all I have still to come across anyone else in football who never makes a mistake.

Let us face it, our officials are human... so treat them with understanding!

See you in two weeks...

Danny McGrain

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' DEREK JOHNSTONE

Aberdeen's Hugh Strachan takes on the Belgian defence in the Scottish Under-21 team's victory.



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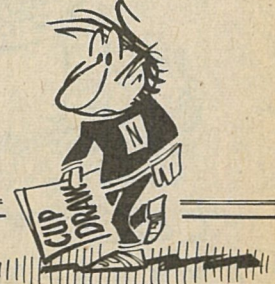
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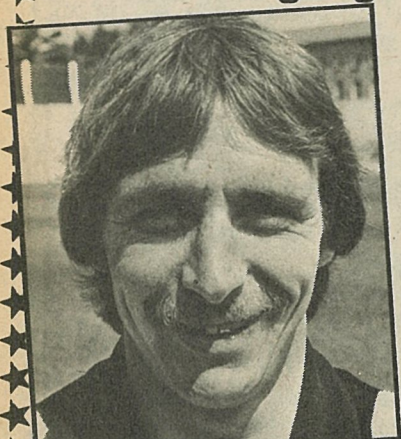
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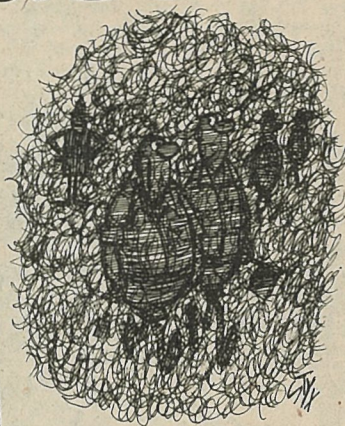
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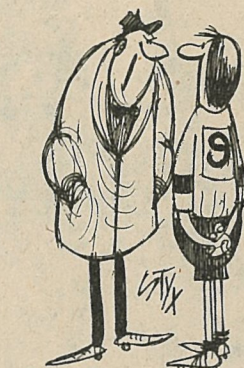
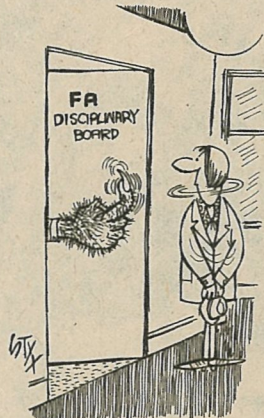
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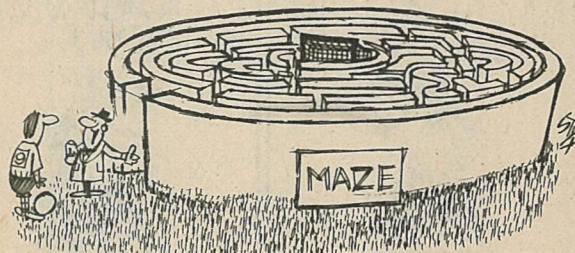
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Ray Clemence TALKING SOCCER

'NO

"SINCE your defeat of Manchester United at Anfield on Boxing Day, many people are already toasting you as Champions," writes regular reader Ian Marshall of St. Albans, Herts. "Doesn't this mean Liverpool are in danger of becoming complacent?"

There's no chance of that happening, Ian, simply because of the tremendously professional outlook of everyone at the club.

We're very fortunate in not having any prima donnas in our squad with difficult temperaments. One of the requirements of anyone joining us is that he is level-headed and always puts the club first.

Although we beat United, we still have to meet them at Old Trafford, and we continue to regard them as our main threat to retaining the Championship.

Despite manager Brian Clough's

estly believe that they have given fans, at home and away, what they crave for — and that is entertaining football!"

What finer testimony could the boss make to his team?

One football statistic I want to believe is that in recent seasons the team that has led the League on Boxing Day has ended up with the title.

A certainty is that if we're still leading the pack after Easter we can get ready to parade the trophy around Anfield for a record 12th time!

I get many letters from young 'keepers asking for tips. Here's an

Liverpool defender Alan Hansen (left) tackles Manchester United striker Joe Jordan.



'Man. United still our biggest rivals for the title'

assertion that Nottingham Forest are still in contention, I'm convinced it's beyond them to amass the points they need.

The only London side likely to press us, Arsenal, need a good run of wins to stay in the race; and Crystal Palace have hit a slump that has wrecked their chances.

The club that looked the best bet from the Midlands at one time, West Bromwich Albion, virtually admitted they were out of the race after we defeated them 2-0 at The Hawthorns with both goals from Dave Johnson.

But it's still a two-horse affair with Manchester United pulling out all the stops to keep in touch with us. Ray Wilkins shrewdly summed up the situation when he said: "Liverpool are like a good racehorse. If they see a little opening, they are away and no one can catch them."

To be honest, we were a little disappointed in United's showing at Anfield, as they lacked attacking spirit. At half-time, when we were a goal up, we expected them to thrust at us hard in the second-half but they held back and allowed us to get another goal.

Crystal Palace gave us a much harder fight, especially in the first-half.

Holding our place at the top of the table gives us a great feeling of satisfaction, especially the manner in which we're doing it.

Our manager Bob Paisley has gone on record as saying: "I hon-

interesting one from Chris Denton of Maidstone in Kent.

"Do you ever practise at throwing the ball out — and when do you prefer to do this in a match?"

Occasionally I'm put through a ball-throwing exercise in training, Chris, when the ball is crossed to me around the edge of the six-yard box and I have to catch it and throw to someone standing around 30 or 40 yards out.

I'd always prefer to throw the ball to a team-mate during a game simply because it's more accurate than a kick which stands, at best, only a 50-50 chance.

The time a long kick is called for is when I see Kenny Dalglish and say, Dave Johnson, well up front with only two defenders between them and the opposing goal. The technique is to lob the ball just over the defenders heads for my men to run on to.

"Could you please settle a bet between me and a man at my local pub," asks Bert Parsons of Wigton near Carlisle. "I say the penalty-kick awarded to Derby County was the

COMPLACENCY AT LIVERPOOL

first you've faced in the League this season. He says it was your second, although he can't remember the first."

You can win your bet, Chris. It was the first I've faced, and as you saw on TV in "Match of the Day" I threw myself one way while the ball went into the other side of the net.

The reason for this was that the Anfield "spies" who had watched Derby had only seen either Gerry Daly or Barry Powell taking spot-kicks, so I'd not been briefed on Roger Davies' technique and just guessed wrongly.

We felt the award by the referee a bit dubious, as Roger had lost control of the ball before being tackled and threw himself across Phil Neal's leg.

However, our philosophy is that penalty decisions tend to even themselves out, and this was demonstrated when the ref blew up for a foul in the penalty-area on Kenny Dalglish a little later. Terry McDermott converted.

"What, in your opinion, do you rate as Liverpool's best goal so far this season. And, if you'll forgive me, the best scored against you?"

Don't you know, Carmen Bevan of Leicester, that 'keepers would rather talk about saves? I suspect you've a sadistic touch.

It's difficult to single out a Liverpool classic, simply because there seems to be one in every game we play. But after a lot of thought I've settled on our first in that 2-0 win over Manchester United on Boxing Day.

Scorer was Alan Hansen, who was faultless in every respect throughout the entire 90 minutes. Heading, tackling, defending, attacking, he showed his complete repertoire. In Liverpool language, he was "magic".

The goal-yielding move started around the halfway line where Graeme Souness passed to Alan, who strode forward, beating at least three United men before reaching the edge of their 18-yard box.

He then played a simple one-two with Ray Kennedy and calmly stroked the ball past Gary Bailey and into a bottom corner of the net.

It still hurts to talk about the best goal scored past me this season. It came in the second-leg of our ill-fated First Round European Cup tie

against the Russian side, Dinamo Tbilisi. The scene: their magnificent stadium in Georgia.

Tbilisi's full-back made a never-to-be-allowed-again run through our defence, going past three Reds, and then passed to a forward.

The ball was laid off to another forward. As he prepared to shoot, I flung myself at his feet. But he had anticipated my move, and coolly chipped the ball over my head into the net for their second goal.

It was truly unique for us to allow someone like their full-back to run through our defence like a knife through butter. The lads took some stick from the boss, I can tell you.

Many writers want to know whether Kevin Keegan is going to appear in my testimonial against Anderlecht in April, and I'm pleased to say he's accepted my invitation and will be there on my big night provided Hamburger SV can release him. They will need his services only if for some reason they suddenly face a pile-up of fixtures.

I've already phoned Kevin to congratulate him on being elected European Footballer of the Year for the second time. An honour he richly deserves.

Just room for my last letter, from Ray Statham, a mad-keen Liverpool fan now working for an oil company in Arabia.

"I get all the news about Liverpool's first team, Ray, but what about the Central League side?" he asks. "How are they faring?"

By their standards, I'm sorry to report, not as well as usual. At the time of writing they've already lost six games, which is generally their quota for the season.

The reason is they've been forced to unbalance the side through bringing in too many youngsters to replace injured older, experienced men.

But the injuries are clearing up and Kevin Sheedy, for instance, out with a back strain for some time, is playing again. So the team is set to push up from third place and strike for another title win.

They'll take almost as much stopping as the first team!

Apart from the League and League Cup, Liverpool have the F.A. Cup in our sights, and right now we're preparing ourselves for the next hurdle — the Fourth Round game against Nottingham Forest.

After a 5-0 home win over Grimsby in the Third Round, we weren't really surprised to be drawn away to the team that under Brian Clough and Peter Taylor has given us most problems in recent seasons.

But in Cup competition, when a lucky bounce can bring sudden death, every team is difficult.

There'll be no playing for a draw to bring Forest back to Anfield. That attitude can be suicide. We'll be out to win, but at the same time careful not to over-extend ourselves and leave openings at the back.

It's often said some ties between top clubs are worthy of the Final itself — and this is certainly one of them!

Ray Statham

'After our 5-0 win over Grimsby, we weren't surprised to get a tough Fourth Round draw'



Graeme Souness scores Liverpool's first Third Round goal.

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NOT LIVERPOOL'S TITLE YET!

★ WHY is everyone so eager to throw in the League Championship towel? Agreed Liverpool are playing well, but I recall when Leeds United seemed invincible, had an 11 point lead around March ... and ended up with nothing.

I remember Graham Taylor, the Watford manager, saying last season when his club were romping away with the Third Division that Championships are won only when all the games have been played, not half of them.

Surely this 'give it to them', almost defeatist attitude is enough to make a lot of fans think it isn't worth turning up on Saturdays?

The way the media goes on about Liverpool you wouldn't know 91 other teams also play each week.

● You won't find anyone at Anfield thinking they've already won the title ... which is why Liverpool will almost certainly be Champions. Complacency is in short supply on Merseyside!

Who next?

AS a Tottenham fan I am worried by the transfer of Colin Lee (above right) to Chelsea. This was largely due to a section of the



crowd constantly barracking him, which obviously affected his play. Before Colin it was Ian Moores, who was driven from White Hart Lane to Orient.

It is logical to assume another member of the side will find himself the target for abuse and leave the club.

I suppose fans have a right to moan as they pay their admission money, but encouragement is always more helpful than booing. However, I am totally against singling out one player in particular.

CHRIS BROOKS, EPPING.

● I feel sorry for John Pratt. No Spurs player gives more for the club than he does, but he is picked on by certain fans and I'm surprised he's still with them.

Bad memory

NEWPORT County manager Len Ashurst said in SHOOT, regarding his rejection of the managerial post at Sunderland: "You don't walk out when you're half-

way through a job."

Unless his memory is very bad, he'll remember he walked out of the manager's job at Gillingham to take over at Sheffield Wednesday in 1975.

CHRIS STEVENS, GILLINGHAM.

● Maybe he thought his job was done there.

Age doesn't matter

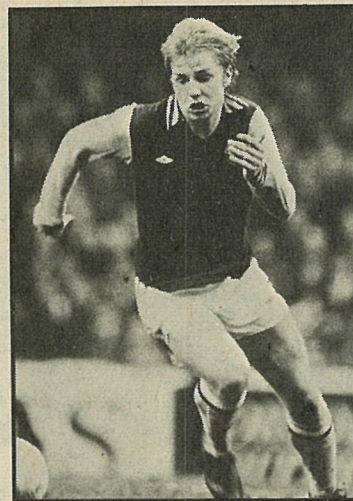
IF a player is good enough then he's old enough ... the success of Aston Villa's Gary Shaw in recent weeks underlines this.

If a player is good enough then he isn't too old ... the amazing scoring run of Southampton's Phil Boyer proves this.

Gary is still a teenager, Phil a veteran, but I'm sure many managers would have considered their ages not suitable for big-time football.

D. LLOYD, BLOXWICH.

● Ron Saunders was SURE Gary (right) could do a job for Villa while Lawrie McMenemy must be BUOYANT at Phil's success.



Pen-pal

I'M a 16-year-old Belgian boy and I'd like pen-pals in England and Scotland. I support Manchester United.

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In our competition in the issue dated 29th September we asked three questions about Ray Clemence. The correct answers were:

1. Ray began his League career at Scunthorpe.
 2. Ray played half a game against Austria on the '79 summer tour.
 3. Ray has gained one F.A. Cup winners' medal.
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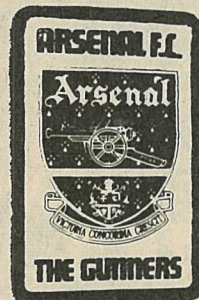
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HARRY Cripps was adamant. "The wrong man went, believe you me. How on earth could I be made the scapegoat for the team's poor results, when I never once had the opportunity to select the team in three years as assistant-manager at the club?"

"I had no responsibility for team selection or the system that the team played. Andy Nelson, then team-manager, had complete charge of the side — all I was allowed to do was train them."

That's his assessment of the split at Charlton earlier this season, in which Mike Bailey took over from Andy Nelson as team manager. But the victim of the power struggle was coach Cripps, who got the sack prior to Bailey's arrival.

'Dying'

Perhaps it is understandable that he is upset at his sacking. "Andy Nelson came out of it all unscathed. He gave me the sack then pushed himself up to the post of general-manager and finally bequeathed a side which was dying through lack of confidence to Mike Bailey," says Cripps.

"The team's lack of success is due entirely to Nelson's team policy.

"The method of my going was far from pleasant. My life was unbearable for the last five weeks I was there. I tried to get along as



'The wrong man was sacked'

*claims
'scapegoat'
Harry Cripps*

normal, but Nelson treated me as if I wasn't there. Then he called me into his office, handed me a letter and said 'Read that.' It stated coldly that I had been made redundant and would receive four months pay.

"Great, wasn't it? There was no 'Thank you, Harry, for your assistance over the past year'. Not even the excuse of lack of cash to pay me, simply — goodbye!

"I have only seen him a couple of times since and then only from a distance, which is a little strange as we live in the same street. I think he must be hiding from me.

"The only nice thing about leaving was the support I received

from the players; it was tremendous. Fourteen of the Charlton staff rang me to say how shocked they were at my leaving. Many other players who knew me at Millwall and West Ham phoned to say how sorry they were to hear the news.

"John Bond, the manager of Norwich, who was a colleague of mine at West Ham, gave me a job as a scout for his club. You couldn't have a better friend than John — he is really a man with a big heart. Unfortunately, it's the only offer I've had since leaving Charlton and I would like to get a job as a coach or assistant-manager. Football is my life and I find I miss the involvement."

Harry, whose 14 years at Millwall made him almost part of the woodwork at The Den, was well-known for his uncompromising tackles and, according to some Millwall fans, was biting legs before Norman Hunter grew his milk teeth. He also has a reputation of loyalty to his club which is second to none. It seems a pity that Charlton dispenses with loyalty at a premium of four months redundancy pay.

Harry's last words on the subject are words of advice for his successor, Mike Bailey.

"I wish Mike and Charlton well. The team has ability and Mike will get the best from them, given the chance. He is an old Charlton hand and knows the score."

ALL CHANGE AT CHARLTON



THE merchants of gloom had better watch out — Mike Bailey is back in town! Those Charlton fans who turned a disinterested ear to the news that the ex-Valley hero was returning to manage the London club, might just find that things will change drastically.

Charlton have been the sleeping giants of London football for more years than their loyal fans care to count. A lack of ambition has been the main criticism levelled at the directors — and much of that criticism has been thoroughly justified.

But with the appointment of Mike Bailey as the man in charge of team affairs, there seems real optimism for the future. A lack of determination to go places?

"Well if that's been true in the past, they will have to get some pretty quickly if I am to stay," says

'Not afraid of winning now'

says manager Mike Bailey

Bailey. "I've signed a three-year contract and in that time, I expect things to really start moving. I have always been a great one for determination — any older fans will remember that if they saw me play for the club. And I'm exactly the same nowadays — I'm determined to taste success."

Maybe Charlton's long suffering fans have heard it all before. But Bailey's infectious optimism tends to make you feel there is, at last, a chance of the Londoners making progress after so many years in

depression.

What sort of job will he do for them? "I'm obviously looking at the First Division in the long term," he says. "But my priority this season is to keep the club in the Second Division. That is our immediate aim. But then, if we get in to the habit of winning, we can start climbing and thinking about looking at life from the other end of the table. I cannot see any reason why we shouldn't get right up there within a couple of seasons."

"Winning is a habit, as is losing. When I first arrived here, some of the heads were down and things were gloomy. But we started off by taking five points out of a possible six and although we then lost a London derby at Chelsea, I felt

delighted. I felt it was absolutely natural for me to return at a later stage of my career.

"The place hasn't changed that much. When I was here, we were a respectable Second Division side. I don't think we ever really had the fear of relegation but there was only one season in which we might have gone up. Then, we were unlucky not to do so.

"I had very happy times at this club and I want the present players to start enjoying themselves, too. Football is serious and I'm as serious at my work as anyone. But I also believe in having some fun; there has to be some of that in it, too. It's a game after all and it should be enjoyable.

"I want the club to regain its

there were encouraging signs.

"At half-time in that derby game, one of the lads said to another 'come on, let's not be afraid of winning'. That set me thinking. There was a lot in that and I want us to lose our fright of winning."

Bailey, who had a distinguished career at Charlton, won his England caps while he was a Valley player. "That's probably why the place will always have a special meaning for me," he says. "When I was asked to come back, I was

pride. I grabbed the opportunity of taking over because I was keen to do that. Things have been a bit hit and miss at the club in recent years and when I arrived, morale was low because of the lack of success and continuing struggle in the lower regions of the table.

"But I believe things can be improved tremendously. I may have to bring in some new players but if that is what is required, we shall have to do it. I do not intend to let a great club like Charlton go down without a real fight."

F.A. Cup 6th.Round Scottish Cup 5th.Round

F.A. Cup Semi-Finals Scottish Cup Semi-Finals

MATCH DETAILS

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	Score at full-time
	Score after extra-time (if played)

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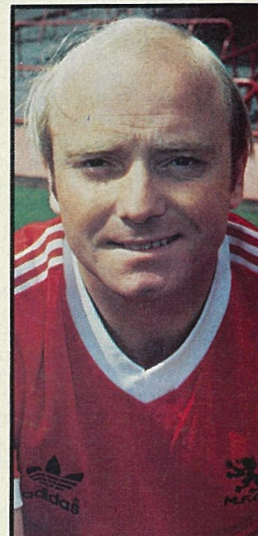
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1950 Rangers v East Fife	3-0	1966 Rangers v Celtic	(0-0) 1-0
1951 Celtic v Motherwell	1-0	1967 Celtic v Aberdeen	2-0
1952 Motherwell v Dundee	4-0	1968 Dunfermline v Hearts	3-1
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	(1-1) 1-0	1970 Aberdeen v Celtic	3-1
1954 Celtic v Aberdeen	2-1	1971 Celtic v Rangers	(1-1) 2-1
1955 Clyde v Celtic (1-1)	1-0	1972 Celtic v Hibernian	6-1
1956 Hearts v Celtic	3-1	1973 Rangers v Celtic	3-2
1957 Falkirk v Kilmarnock		1974 Celtic v Dundee Utd	3-0
	(1-1) 2-1	1975 Celtic v Airdrie	3-1
1958 Clyde v Hibernian	1-0	1976 Rangers v Hearts	3-1
1959 St Mirren v Aberdeen	3-1	1977 Celtic v Rangers	1-0
1960 Rangers v Kilmarnock	2-0	1978 Rangers v Aberdeen	2-1
1961 Dunfermline v Celtic		1979 Rangers v Hibernian	
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Jubilant Ipswich celebrate their first F.A. Cup victory after beating Arsenal in the 1978 Final. Middlesbrough's David Armstrong (right), gave the Ayresome Park club hope for their first success in the competition after years of disappointment.



Rangers' Derek Johnstone scored twice in last season's Scottish Cup Final second replay against Hibs. Here the Rangers' player (No. 4) troubles Hibs' goalkeeper Jim McArthur and left-back Arthur Duncan in an effort to resolve one of the closest Finals in years.



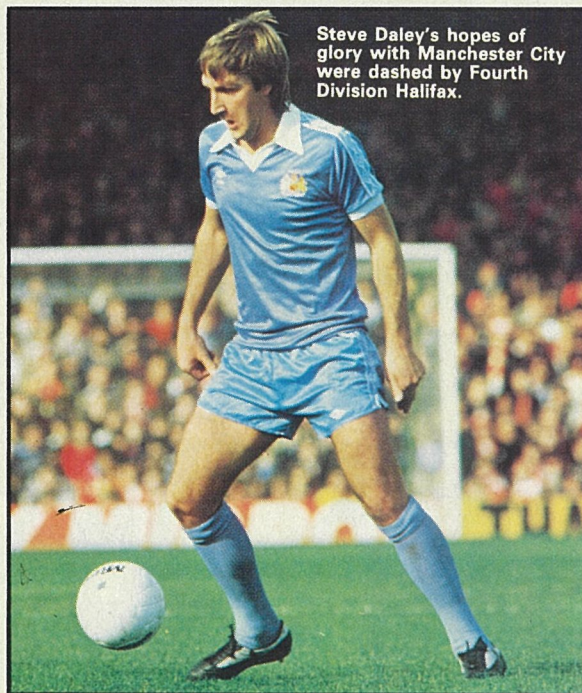
Arsenal's victory over Manchester United at Wembley in last season's Final produced one of the most memorable finishes in any game at Wembley. After leading 2-0, Arsenal were pulled back to 2-2 in the last five minutes before Alan Sunderland netted the winner.



Arnold Muhren (left) and Frans Thijssen (right), Ipswich's Dutch imports, close in on Jerry Murphy of Crystal Palace.



Forest's Martin O'Neill takes on the Liverpool defence. The two most successful English clubs at the end of the Seventies.



Steve Daley's hopes of glory with Manchester City were dashed by Fourth Division Halifax.

ASTON Villa's outstanding form in recent months has served to confirm the belief firmly held by their skipper, Dennis Mortimer that his club would be strong challengers this season for a place in Europe.

Even after Villa had crashed 3-1 at home to Liverpool to their first defeat in 11 matches, Mortimer was still optimistic.

"We had had a good spell without losing," says Dennis. "So I wasn't disheartened. It's no disgrace to come off second-best against a side like that, and although they scored three times, we don't usually concede many goals.

"But trying to keep Liverpool out is a difficult job. They have a player like Kenny Dalglish who can hold and shield the ball so well, giving his midfield men time to come through the middle. When Kenny, and David Johnson, are in possession, they make it easy for Terry McDermott and Ray Kennedy to fill up the empty spaces and apply the finishing touches to a move.

"Liverpool must be a good bet to lift the title again. Yet among the clubs immediately below the leaders, there are very few points separating the teams in the first half-dozen and those in the middle of the table. We are already well placed in the table, and I'm sure we can hold on to our top six position.

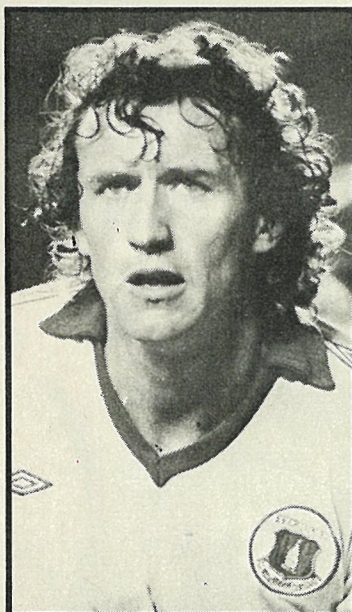
"So far, one of our frustrations has been our inability to score goals from the chances we create. This applied especially away from home, where the extra goal or two could have made such a difference, but recently we have won at

Spurs and Bristol City and played really well."

To many fans, Villa's failure to score freely could be attributed to their decision to sell strikers Andy Gray and John Deehan and their attacking full-back, John Gidman. But Mortimer takes a different view.

"They are talented players. But when they left, our confidence wasn't affected, and the mood remained optimistic. If the attitude stays like that we will be able to establish ourselves as a top side. I know that many Villa supporters were against the transfer of Gray and Gidman, but I recall a similar situation existing at Coventry four years ago, when City fans were angry when I moved for a fee of £145,000.

John Gidman's (right) departure to Everton has not affected the confidence at Aston Villa this season claims captain Dennis Mortimer (below, centre).



'VILLA FOR EUROPE'

-Dennis Mortimer

"Yet Coventry improved after I left, and I was soon forgotten. No player is bigger than a club, and there is enough talent at Villa Park to ensure that we can become a better team following the recent transfers.

"Due to our injury crisis last season, there were youngsters who were given their chance in the side, and this experience must have been a benefit to some of them. Perhaps when we were struggling last season, the fans expected too much of the younger players, and in my position of captain, a big part of my job was to encourage them.

"I was appointed skipper at the start of last season, and at the age of 27, I don't believe that the responsibility puts much extra pressure on me."

But while Dennis doesn't consider the captaincy as something which brings him extra stress, he is certain that the three-up and three-down rule has brought additional pressures to the game.

He says: "I would be all in favour of a return to the two-up and two-down system, because with it, more clubs can relax, the pace is less hectic — and due to this, there could be a better standard of football all round.

"However, it's the three-up and three-down ruling that is in operation, and we at Villa aren't contemplating being one of the teams in the bottom three places. Our sights are set much higher than that."



TREVOR Peake has one ambition — to play First Division football. Not bad for a 22-year-old centre-half who was playing non-League football with Southern League Nuneaton Borough last season.

Peake has risen from the obscurity of playing football on Saturdays before a handful of spectators to commanding a regular place in Lincoln's Fourth Division side.

His progress was recognised at the end of last season when the six-foot tall centre-half was chosen to represent England's non-League team.

"And we won the tournament, beating Holland 1-0 in the Final," he beams. "That was the biggest thrill of my career."

His dream to sign professional forms came true when Lincoln boss, Colin Murphy, snapped up the 22-year-old Nuneaton-born player in a deal costing £15,000 last June.

"I knew talks were going on between Northampton and a couple of other clubs," says Trevor, "but Colin Murphy took the plunge and invited me to Sincil Bank for talks. I was so impressed with his thoroughness that I signed the following day."

Trevor Peake

-LINCOLN'S 'ENGLAND' STAR



"He's ambitious and he wants to progress. He wants a higher grade of football and so do I."

But that wasn't Peake's first visit to Lincoln City. Two seasons ago he played at the heart of Nuneaton's defence in a Cup-tie at Sincil Bank.

"We lost 6-0," he recalls, "but the pitch was a little dicey. It was frost bound and the home team had been training on it all week. Mind you, Lincoln looked the better side, but I don't think a six goal deficit was a fair reflection on the two teams."

Peake, a centre-half who puts his strengths down to hard tackling and aerial power, says: "The difference between Nuneaton and Lincoln is that it's like playing against the pick of the non-League teams week-in week-out. At Fourth Division level there are no really bad players — not by comparison to non-League sides."

"I've found it very competitive. I think it's a shade more physical. It's a little faster, but with training full time you become fitter and sharper."

"Of the teams we've played so far, I would pick Portsmouth and Walsall as the most impressive."

"Alan Foggarty, the reserve

team manager at Nuneaton, had a big influence and first team boss, Stan Bennett, improved my play. He was a centre-half himself and he used to pick me up on certain points. In fact, everyone at Nuneaton Borough helped me to further my career in one way or another."

At Lincoln, Peake joined six fresh faces who all arrived pre-season in a Colin Murphy re-shuffle.

"It's taken time to put it together," says Trevor. "We're a young side with experience in the right places."

"I think Colin Murphy is beginning to get the house in order after suffering the set-back of relegation last term. We're not too badly placed in the League and I think you've always got to have promotion in mind until it becomes a mathematical impossibility."

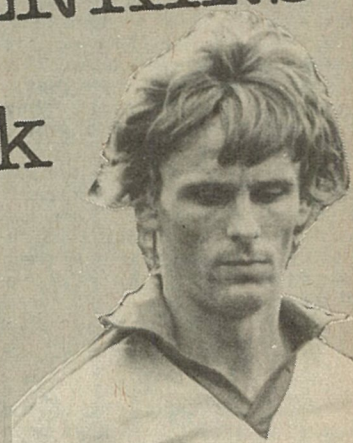
"I'd like to climb the ladder and play as high as I possibly can. I'd love to play in the First Division. Whether I make it or not remains to be seen."

"At the moment, I'm happy and I'm enjoying the challenge of Fourth Division football at Lincoln City."

The success of Trevor Peake in his first season in the Football League is by no means unique.

With transfer fees still beyond the reach of most clubs, the progression of top non-League players such as Peake is on the increase.

GOOD NEWS FOR WATFORD... ROSS JENKINS is on his way back



ROSS Jenkins, whose striking partnership with Luther Blissett was lethal for Watford last season, is poised to make a first team comeback after breaking his right ankle earlier this season.

Jenkins' return to full fitness will serve as another tonic to a rejuvenated Watford still celebrating their progress to the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup at the expense of Queens Park Rangers.

The 1979/80 campaign has been frustrating for the club's faithful supporters but hopefully their fortunes have turned for the better in the run-in to the end of the season.

No one has suffered Watford's misfortunes more than Jenkins. He says:

"It was particularly annoying at first, just sitting there watching the lads play. Not being able to get out there and do my bit for the cause," said Ross.

"But just lately I've been able to look at the games more objectively, instead of wanting to play every ball myself. And I think I've picked up a few things that might help me."

"When you're out there on the park, there's an awful lot that goes on that you just don't see. From the sidelines you've got a far wider view of things."

Misfortune

Jenkins' troubles started in a League game against Swansea when, after a perfectly innocent tackle, he had the misfortune to fall awkwardly.

"My ankle just felt numb at first," he recalled. "But when I tried to get up, and put my weight on it, I knew something was seriously wrong."

"I had an X-ray that night, which confirmed a break. The only good news was that it was a clean one, with no complications."

"I've been keeping myself in trim as much as possible," he explained. "Luckily, I don't have a weight problem, so my lack of mobility hasn't meant that I've put on any unwanted pounds."

"I've been joining in with the regular morning training sessions at the club, simply doing all the usual body exercises. Now, of course, I've got to concentrate on getting the strength and mobility into the ankle."

"Obviously, I've had one or two knocks in my time. But this is the first break I've suffered. So I can't complain really."

From his enforced position on the touchline, could he put his finger on just what has been going wrong for Watford this season?

He's far too modest to suggest that a major factor has been his own absence from the side.

His partnership with Luther Blissett had developed into one of the most lethal in any Division. And his own scoring exploits, he was the country's leading marksman last season with 38 goals, have been sorely missed.

"I think basically it's a question of coming to terms with life in a higher grade of football," said Ross.

"If you make mistakes here, they're punished more regularly, and more severely than in the two lower Divisions."

"We're coming up against some pretty formidable opposition now, for the first time on a regular basis."

"Before, when we met bigger clubs, it was in Cup competitions. One off affairs, where it's a completely different ball-game."

"Now, facing teams like West Ham, Sunderland, Newcastle, and Birmingham, we've got to be consistent. One good game in four just isn't enough."

"It wasn't always smooth going in the Third and Fourth Divisions. We had our problems there, but we managed to overcome them. I'm sure we can do it again."

Some people have suggested that it's perhaps to the club's benefit that they've had their progress checked this season. Maintaining that if Watford had actually gone straight up into the First, it would have spelt disaster in the long run.

Ross doesn't agree.

"It would have been a tremendous achievement, and one that I'm sure we would have made the most of," he declared. "I know I would have been delighted to have seen First Division football down at our ground next season."

"But it's not to be. So now the boss is building us into what I'm sure will be a very good Second Division outfit. And from that foundation, we hope to make our bid for a place in the top flight."

THE Second Division is taking on a very different look these days. First it was Wrexham and Cambridge breaking out of the Third Division for the first time in their histories: then came Shrewsbury Town last season. Now it could be the turn of Colchester United.

Ever since this Essex club of F.A. Cup giant-killing fame was elected to the Third Division South in 1950, they have shuffled between the Third and Fourth Divisions. This season, under the shrewd management of Bobby Roberts, they look poised for triumph of a new kind.

"We'll be in the hunt — I'm not prepared to say more than that," says the gritty Scot. "There are quite a number of Third Division clubs good enough to hold their own in the Second, and we're one of them."

Pushing

"Since we came out of the Fourth in 1976-77, we have been pushing on quietly but thoroughly," he says.

"In 1977-78, we finished eighth in the Third Division; last season, it was seventh. Those are the highest placings in the League that we've ever had. I've concentrated on building a side in which the players know each other's games inside out."

Roberts did not buy a player in the first half of the season as Colchester climbed into a challenging position, but made one of the fin-

Colchester CAN make history

est signings of last season when he paid £15,000 to sign Trevor Lee from Millwall. The speedy striker responded with 11 League goals in 27 matches: this season, he reached that figure well before the halfway mark.

"His finishing is tremendous," assesses Roberts. "He is lethal in the air and so quick on the ground."

The lean six-footer agrees. "That is the big improvement in my game — the finishing. I put that down to the fact that I've been given a different role than I had at Millwall. Here I am playing down the middle and that suits me best."

"When I was at Millwall, I was mostly playing wide and coming in. That way, you get picked up. Now the manager has given me complete freedom to play the game from a central position. I am not restricted in any sense."

Lee confesses that it took him a while to adjust to a new striking



role but says: "The atmosphere at Colchester has helped so much. They are a terrific set of lads at Layer Road and we play more as a team than we did at Millwall. That helps no end, especially if you are going through a bad spell."

The 24-year-old Lee did not take long to make up his mind about moving to Colchester when he heard of the Third Division club's move to sign him. "Dropping a Division and moving for £15,000 might have seemed a step backwards at first glance — but it wasn't."

Future

"I wasn't in the team at Millwall and the manager, George Petchey, had made it fairly clear that I didn't have too much of a future there."

"I wanted first team football more than anything and I almost rushed all the way to Colchester when George told me of their interest."

"I think we stand a tremendous chance of going into the Second," says Lee. "Our away form is terrific but we could be doing a little better at home."

Manager Roberts interrupts: "That's what they all say when we drop a point on our own pitch. I tell them 'That's one more point than we started the game off with!'"

"I am not going to allow my players to panic over every point at this stage in the season."

Colchester's Mick Packer (stripes) tackles Aston Villa's Gary Shaw in the League Cup.

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'BORING BORO'...

thanks to John Neal

NEWCASTLE and Sunderland have both success and tradition in the North-East. They know what it's like to land the big trophies and have thousands marching through the streets of their towns in celebration.

The folk of another North-East football town aren't quite as accustomed to the glory side of the game. They can muster only three Second Division Championships, the latest coming in 1974, two Amateur Cup wins in 1895 and 1898 and an Anglo-Scottish Cup win in 1976. Apart from that, Middlesbrough can claim only a few respectable positions in Cup and League contests.

But times alter and nowhere is the chill wind of change felt more bitterly than in the North-East. Today, you won't find Newcastle or Sunderland in the First Division, yet at the start of January, you could locate Middlesbrough in an impressive eighth place in the table.

Perch

Unless you go back to 1914, when Middlesbrough finished third in Division One, Boro haven't enjoyed such a lofty perch for more than 60 years.

Manager John Neal might have been famous enough in North Wales for his achievements at Wrexham, but you could have forgiven the folk of Teesside for murmuring 'John who?' when he took over at Ayresome Park. But now times are different.

Neal has restored Middlesbrough's fortunes with a mixture of good old fashioned hard work

and the ability to see the lighter side of the game. He arrived at Ayresome with the club just about everyone's tip for the most boring First Division team. They had survived its early years in Division One through sheer defensive ability, scorning attractive play in favour of results.

Neal won that particular battle by insisting upon more open, fluent, attractive play. "We've shown people we can play," he says. "We are getting good write-ups these days and it makes me proud to see people praising us. It was very different when I first came here."

But now comes the second phase of Middlesbrough's long road to the top — the actual success on the field that every club needs to herald its arrival at the top.

John Neal is approaching that second stage of his plan with all the astuteness and patience that he showed in getting the club a

new image. "We are a young side that is learning all the time," he says.

"We have already been to places like Arsenal and Manchester United this season and learned a lot. But we didn't do ourselves justice, certainly not as we did at Everton, where we won.

"It will take time but I see no reason why Middlesbrough cannot win a trophy at some stage. It may be a season or two before it happens but it certainly won't be another 60 years! We have some highly promising youngsters at the club and I am gradually building up the youth side. I'm a firm believer in the theory that if a youngster is good enough, he's old enough.

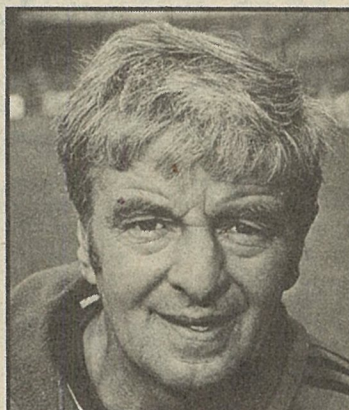
'Newcomer'

"Tony Bell and David Hodgson are both youngsters who have come into the side this season and done well. Craig Johnston, born in South Africa, came to us and scored goals remarkably quickly considering he was a newcomer to the First Division in England.

"The experience is provided by men like Jim Platt, John Craggs, Irving Nattrass and Dave Armstrong. We have a fine blend."

Neal insists if Boro are to win a major trophy, they must do it in style. "I know how I like my football played and I'm a real believer in attractive football as well as successful results. A little flair and skill; that's what I like to see.

"People have told me recently we have restored their faith in football. That's nice, because it's what the game is all about. Enjoying it and making it enjoyable for everyone else. We can all be accused of taking this business too seriously. Life goes on whether a football team wins or loses on a Saturday. Perhaps too many people forget that and consequently, we destroy ourselves."



Craig Johnston celebrates his second goal at Everton. He is just one of the exciting youngsters at Middlesbrough.

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Red debuts

I'm collecting statistics on Manchester United and would like to know when Joe Jordan, Jimmy Greenhoff and Steve Coppell made their League debuts for the club?

DAVID SHARING,
CUMBRIA

● Coppell was the first, David — in a home 4-0 win over Cardiff on 1st March, 1975.

Greenhoff was the next — in a 1-1 draw at Leicester on 20th November, 1976.

Last of the three was Jordan — in a 6-2 win at Everton on 26th December, 1977.

Goals for Leeds

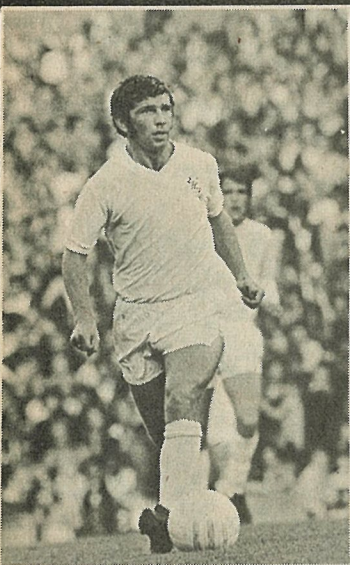
I know Leeds' record victory is 10-0 v. Lyn Oslo in the European Cup, but who scored their goals?

ANDREW DICKINSON,
CLEVELAND

● Mick Jones (three), Allan Clarke (two), Johnny Giles (below, two), Billy Bremner (two), and Mike O'Grady got 'em, Andrew.

This was a First Round tie at Elland Road on 17th September, 1969 — and then in the away leg, a fortnight later, Leeds won 6-0 to make it 16-0 on aggregate.

In this return leg, the goals came from Rod Belfitt (two), Terry Hibbitt (two), Mick Jones and Peter Lorimer.



Dalglish or Worthy?

Who scored the most goals for their clubs in major competitive matches last season — Kenny Dalglish or Frank Worthington?

PETER WIDRASE,
BRADFORD

● Your worthy Worthington just edges that contest, Peter — by 26 to 25. For Bolton, he had 24 goals in the First Division, and two in the League Cup.

For Liverpool, Dalglish netted 21 in the First Division, plus another four in the F.A. Cup.

Radio football

What was the first Football League match to be broadcast on the radio?

A. DURRANT,
LEWES

● The first commentary in England was on a First Division match between Arsenal and Sheffield United, at High-bury, on 22nd January, 1927.

Best record

I'm glad George Best is back on the British soccer scene with Hibernian, and would like to know his League appearances and goals with his previous clubs?

JOHN-PAUL YOUNG,
SOUTH SHIELDS

● First and foremost, John-Paul, came Bestie's 137 goals in 361 League games for Manchester United.

Then, after his now-famous walk-out from Old Trafford, there were two goals in three games for Stockport; and eight in 42 games for Fulham.

SHORT PASSES

● Bury have played in two F.A. Cup Finals — beating Southampton 4-0 in 1900; and beating Derby County 6-0 in 1903 (still a record Final win).

(SIMON STEAD, Aldershot)

● Record gate for a Scotland-England game is 149,547 at Hampden Park on 17th April, 1937. (This is also the record for any game in Britain.)

(GEORGE TONG, Singapore)

● Chelsea manager Geoff Hurst played in 49 full internationals for England, scoring 24 goals — including three in the 4-2 win over West Germany in the 1966 World Cup Final.

(NEIL TURNHAM, Esher)

● Jim Holton played 63 League games for Manchester United. He joined them from Shrewsbury in January, 1973, moving on to Sunderland in October, 1976; and to Coventry in March, 1977.

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● Leeds' record defeat is by 8-1 at Stoke, in Div. One, on 27th August, 1934.

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Full-time manager for Brazil

THE Brazilian Sports Confederation (CBD) has been replaced by the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF). Elections to the new body have been delayed because Heleno Nunes, who headed the CBD and is temporarily in charge of the CBF, has been trying to delay the elections. He is a candidate for the presidency of the new body, but he knows that he will lose to another candidate, Guilite Coutinho (no relation to Cláudio Coutinho).

Meanwhile, Mario Zagalo, (right) who managed Brazil in the 1970 and 1974 World Cups, is back in the country. He signed a contract with Fluminense, who he once made Champions of the Rio League, and he is heavily tipped as the new Brazilian manager, for Cláudio Coutinho doesn't seem to hold much water with his namesake Guilite.

Devoted

Whoever he is, though, one thing is for sure: the new Brazilian manager will have to be "exclusive". That is, he will have to devote himself to the job full-time, like César Menotti in Argentina and Ron Greenwood in England. Up to now, Brazilian managers have also been allowed to work at the same time for a club.

Still in Brazil, Pelé has started his new career as a film producer. His

film "Pelé and the Trombadinhas" (Pelé and the Little Pickpockets) has been officially opened in Brasilia.

People who have seen it say that as a movie producer Pelé is still the greatest footballer in the world.

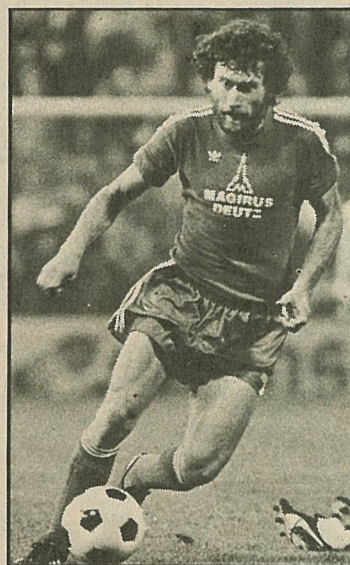
And it was mainly about football that he talked at a Press conference held on the opening night of his film. Pelé favours a full time manager for the Brazilian team and criticised Coutinho's tactics in both the World Cup and the American Cup, claiming Brazil were too defensive.

"Rivelino and Nelinho should have played against Argentina in the World Cup, because the Argentinians feared them. Brazil's football has always been attacking, and I for one don't like to see the Brazilian team go out and play defensively against any team in the world."

Pelé also said that Francisco Marinho didn't adapt at all to the Cosmos team and is about to leave the club, and that sweeper Carlos Alberto, though a veteran, was the best player in the whole American League last season.

LIVERPOOL BOTTOM!

PENAROL are once again Champions of Uruguay. They clinched the title with a 6-0 win over Liverpool, to finish three points clear of traditional rivals Nacional. Penarol totalled 41 points, and Nacional 38 — streets ahead of the third team Fénix on 27. Don't tell anyone at Anfield but Liverpool finished bottom of the League with just 17 points! The Uruguayan season now winds up with six teams (Penarol, Nacional, Defensor, Fénix, River Plate and Danubio) battling out a mini-League to decide which two sides will represent Uruguay in the 1980 Copa Libertadores.



to play, but the secret came out in a rough game against VfB Stuttgart.

Badly fouled, Breitner lost the lens from his left eye, and as he carries another set, he had to go off to the dressing-room for his spare.

THE directors of Italian prestige club Fiorentina, fallen on hard times, were dissatisfied with the performances of their players, sitting amongst the relegation trio. So they ordered the players into 'camp' for a week of concentration, away from families and friends. At the end of the week they beat Avellino 3-0.

SNUB FOR 'LES VERTS'

FRANCE FOOTBALL recently had a poll conducted for them before the Aris Salonika-St-Etienne U.E.F.A. Cup second-leg that produced some very unusual and interesting answers.

Question: Will you watch the game on T.V.? 46 per cent answered "definitely not."

Question: What will your reaction be if St-Etienne are eliminated? 44 per cent answered "couldn't care less."

Asked what made St-Etienne so popular in France, only nine per cent replied that they found their style of play attractive and entertaining!

BUNDESLIGA League leaders at the winter break were FC Bayern Munich and the man who has done most to put them back on top is Paul Breitner (above), their former left-back now playing a starring role in midfield.

One of the best kept secrets has been the fact that Breitner now needs contact lenses

SUDDENLY OSCAR'S A WINNER!

Twenty-five goals and eight assists took a complete unknown to the top of the USA scoring charts last season. The goals helped Tampa Bay Rowdies qualify for the play-off Final, and suddenly Oscar Fabbiani was headline news. The Stateside season had no sooner finished than Fabbiani took out Chilean citizenship and joined the Chile squad that surprised all and sundry by reaching the Final of the South American Championship. 1979 has been quite a year for Oscar Fabbiani...

JUST over a year ago, only those JSHOOT readers with a good memory would have heard of Oscar Fabbiani. In December, 1978, World Wide reported that he was still thumping in goals for Chilean Champs Palestino and had set a new record by scoring 88 in three seasons.

And in April, we gave the lowdown on his thwarted attempt to return to his native Argentina, when River Plate pulled out of a deal at the last moment.

But if Fabbiani left Buenos Aires angry and dejected, River's change of heart was a godsend for the 29-year-old striker, for within a matter of weeks he was snapped-up by the Tampa Bay Rowdies and on his way to fame and fortune.

"I was amazed by everything when I arrived," admits Fabbiani, "because everything is so much better organised than in Chile. The facilities are absolutely incredible.

'Whip-hand'

"But it wasn't easy at first — I was the only South American, and they didn't know whether to trust me or not. Europeans hold the whip-hand in the States and they weren't sure about me at all.

"Rodney Marsh was the idol of the fans at Tampa, and I had problems adapting at first, both on and off the pitch. Marsh had maybe too much influence on every attacking move, and I just wasn't seeing enough of the ball.

"Fortunately I scored against the Cosmos and I think the day I scored five in an away game at Edmonton finally got me accepted.

"Anyway, we had a good season and we should never have lost in the play-off Final to Vancouver. The referee made a bad mistake when one of their players handled in the area and he didn't give a penalty. They showed replays on a giant screen and you could see it quite clearly. Still, I have to admit that some of the lads played 'for them-

selves' rather than for the team in the Final.

"This is one of the disadvantages of the American contract system with no win bonuses. Some of the players are happy just to play out their contracts as quietly as possible and without getting injured. But I'm not knocking their system. OK, they play on artificial turf and the rules are a bit different, but the essence of the game is still goals — and they're my speciality."

Soon the chunky Chilean — as he is now, though Argentinian by birth — was the idol of the Tampa fans.

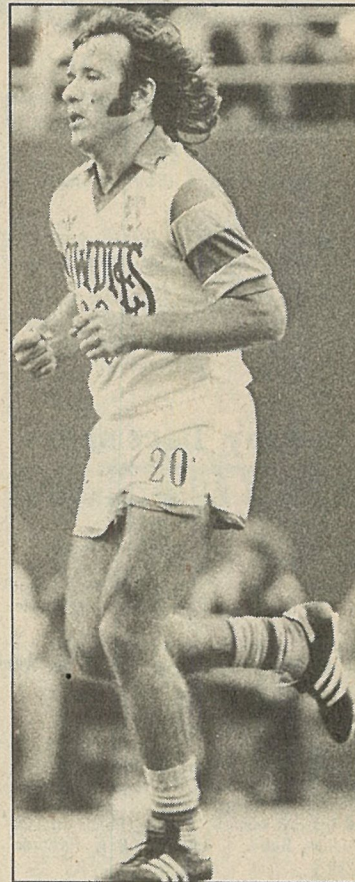
"Suddenly my life changed abruptly. Fans besieging me everywhere. Radio and TV appearances. And the cash you can get from publicity! I've bought some property and opened up a sports equipment business with some friends to sell things like shirts with my name on.

"But you know, I'm not at all convinced about the USA being the right place to bring up my family. The kids are used to Chile, and they prefer it there. The oldest one, Marcela, has told me point-blank that she wants to live back in Chile, and I think maybe she's right.

"I'm not at all sure that the average 13-year-old American kid is living in what I'd call a healthy atmosphere, and that's the only reservation I've got at the moment."

While Fabbiani was stepping out of the 'backwaters' of Chilean League football into an international limelight, the Chilean national team was also showing signs of emerging from its recent spell of obscurity, and under the guidance of new manager Luis Santibañez, qualified for the Final of the South American Championship by beating the holders, Peru, in the Semi-Finals. Santibañez was worried about the side's lack of fire-power, and asked Fabbiani if he'd consider taking Chilean nationality.

Oscar announced that he'd be delighted. And on September 28th he



took the official oath under the Chilean flag — and promptly started training with the national squad. Chile were eventually beaten in the play-off Final by Paraguay.

It's all a far cry from the 24-year-old 'nobody' who arrived in Chile in 1974 to make a League debut with humble San Felipe. And when River Plate gave him the cold shoulder at the beginning of last year, no one could have predicted that he'd hit fame and fortune in 1979.

For Oscar Fabbiani life began at 29.

News flashes

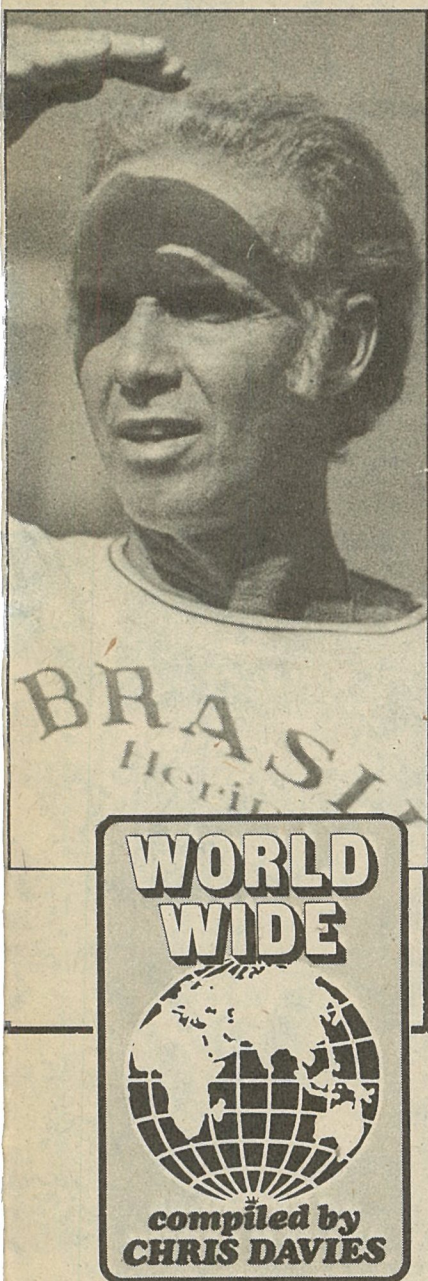
THE tournament for World Cup winners starts in Uruguay on December 26th with Uruguay v Italy. Uruguay, Italy and Argentina are in Group One with Brazil, West Germany and Holland in Group Two.

Each country plays two games at least, against the others in their group with the Semi-Finals on January 6th and 7th, 1981, and the Final on January 10th.

England could not possibly have taken part in such a long competition, but it fits in nicely with the West German Bundesliga winter break, though the Dutch F.A. will have problems.

KENNETH Mokojoa, the coloured South African who plays in the USA for Washington Diplomats, is critically ill in hospital, at his home town, Krugersdorp. He was in a bar, having a quiet drink, when he was attacked and badly beaten up and has severe head injuries, which could end his career.

FC Zurich chairman Herr Naegeli has died, aged 67, from a heart attack. In his term the club won the Swiss Championship six times and the F.A. Cup five times. Now they must find a new chairman prepared to put as much of his own money into the club as Herr Naegeli did... or slip down among the also-rans.



THE 1979 Footballer of the Year in Poland is international defender Wojciech Rudy from Zagłębie Sosnowiec. Strangely, he polled four times the votes gained by right winger Grzegorz Lato, of Stal Mielec who still scores half of Poland's international goals, while Zbigniew Boniek, highly rated round Europe, was only third.

Fraud of the century

INTERESTING situation in South America, labelled by the Mexican Press as "the soccer fraud of the century." Copa Libertadores winners, Olimpia of Asunción, travelled to Mexico City to meet Mexican club América with the Interamerican Cup at stake — the trophy that pits the South and Central American Champions against each other.

What the Paraguayans didn't realise was that they'd hurriedly fixed up the match... against the wrong team! The América directors were well aware that they weren't entitled to dispute the Interamerican Cup but, with the prospect of healthy gate receipts, kept quiet until after the match had been played!

The CONCACAF authorities have severely reprimanded the América officials for 'flagrantly deceiving the public'.

Goal scored in 104th minute!

UNUSUAL finish to Real Madrid's League game in Málaga. Laurie Cunningham scored a spectacular solo goal to give the visitors a 2-1 lead, and that was how the scoreboard stayed until the 90th minute.

Then the referee ignored what the crowd claimed as a penalty after Real defender Benito appeared to handle in the area.

The Málaga fans, not the most placid in the world, went berserk, and the fact that Angel added a third goal for Real in the next attack did little to calm them down.

The crowd disturbances reached such proportions that the referee seemed reluctant to blow the final whistle... and played 17 minutes extra, even though there'd been no stoppages.

So Real's German midfielder Uli Stielike (right) gleefully added a fourth goal in the 104th minute!



LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Monday, December 3

ANGLO/SCOTTISH CUP

(Semi-Final, second-leg)

ST. MIRREN (2) 4 (Stark, Somner 2, Munro)
SHEFF. UTD (0) 0 7,000
St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Munro, Richardson, Fulton, Copland, Bone, Stark, Somner, Weir, McDougall.
Sheff Utd: Conroy (Ramsbottom); Cutbush, Tibbott, Kenworthy (Flood), McPhail, Matthews, Garner, Bourne, Butlin, Speight, Sabella. (St. Mirren win 4-0 on aggregate).

Tuesday, December 4

LEAGUE CUP

(Fifth Round)

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Sunderland (pen))
SWINDON (0) 1 (Tucker) 38,024
Arsenal: Jennings; Devine, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Walford, Gating, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price (Hollins), Rix.
Swindon: Allan; Lewis, Ford, McHale, Carter, Stroud, Miller, Kamara, Rowland, Mayes, Williams (Tucker).

GRIMSBY (0) 0
WOLVES (0) 0 23,115
Grimsby: Batch; Stone, Moore (K), Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Brolly, Ford, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Hughes, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves.



Wolves' Andy Gray (centre) heads wide against Grimsby.

WEST HAM (0) 0
NOTTM FOR (0) 0 35,386
West Ham: Parkes; Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Holland, Allen, Pearson, Cross, Brookling, Devonshire.
Nottm For: Shilton; Anderson, Gray, Bowyer, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, O'Hare, Birtles, Francis, Robertson.

Fourth Division

ROCHDALE (0) 2 (Hilditch, Taylor)
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Needham) 1,233
Rochdale: Watson; Hart, Snookes, Taylor, Waldron, Bannon, Esser, Wann, Seal, O'Loughlin, Hilditch (Jones).
Aldershot: Johnson; Scott, Wooler, Dixon, Bennett, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, French, Needham, McGregor.

Wednesday, December 5

LEAGUE CUP

(Fifth Round)

NORWICH (1) 1 (Reeves)
LIVERPOOL (3) 3 (Johnson 2, Dalglish) 23,000
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Downs, Mendham, Hoadley, Powell, McGuire (Taylor), Reeves, Robson, Paddon, Peters.
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

Friday, December 7

Third Division

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Lee)
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Beardsley) 4,104
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Dowman, Hodge, Gough, Foley, Lee, Allinson.
Carlisle: Swinburne, Hoolickin, Winstanley, MacDonald, Ludlam, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Bannon (Beardsley), Hamilton, Staniforth.

SOUTHEND (1) 4 (Parker 3, Hadley)
CHESTER (1) 1 (Rush) 3,885
Southend: Cawston; Dudley, Hull, Stead, Moody, Hadley, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Otulakowski, Nelson (Franklin).
Chester: Millington; Raynor, Walker, Storton, Cottam, Oakes, Sutcliffe, Jones, Rush, Phillips, Henderson.

Fourth Division

CREWE (0) 0
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 1,974
Crewe: Felgate; Wilkinson, Bowers, Hunter, Scott, Prophet, Lewis, Guy, Chesters (Davies), Bevan, Nelson.
Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Ferns, Impey, Townsend, Chambers, Holder, MacDougall, Butler, Evanson, Miller.

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Chamberlain (N))
STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Sherlock, Sword) 2,799
Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Beech, Delgado, Bentley, Jones (Farrell), Chamberlain (N), Wright, Bromage, Tully.
Stockport: Lawson; Rutter, Sherlock, Henson, Czuczman, Fogarty, Lovell, Bradd, Sword, Chapman, Galvin.

Saturday, December 8

First Division

ARSENAL (2) 3 (Stapleton, Sunderland, O'Leary)
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Gooding) 27,563
Arsenal: Jennings; Devine, Nelson (Gating), Talbot, O'Leary, Walford, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.
Coventry: Sealey; Coop, McDonald, Gooding, Holton, Gillespie, Hutchison, Wallace, Ferguson, Blair, Bannister.

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Little)
LIVERPOOL (0) 3 (Kennedy R, Hansen, McDermott) 41,160
Aston Villa: Rimmer; Swain, Pejic, Evans, McNaught, Bullivant (Gibson), Bremner, Little, Geddis, Cowans, Shaw.
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

BRISTOL C. (0) 1 (Ritchie pen)
TOTTENHAM (1) 3 (Miller, Hoddle 2, 1 pen) 25,093
Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Whitehead, Gow, Rodgers, Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Tainton, Royle, Garland, Meijer (Ritchie).
Tottenham: Daines; Hughton, Miller, Pratt, Smith, Perryman, Ardiles, Jones, Lee, Hoddle, Villa.

C. PALACE (1) 1 (Walsh)
NOTTM FOREST (0) 0 34,782
C. Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Murphy (Fenwick), Francis, Walsh, Swindlehurst, Hilaire.
Nottm Forest: Shilton; Anderson, Gray, Bowyer, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, O'Hare, Birtles, Francis, Robertson.

DERBY (0) 0
NORWICH (0) 0 15,381
Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Webb, Osgood, Emery, Powell, Duncan, Davies, Rioch.
Norwich: Keelan; Ryan, Downs, Mendham, Brown, Jones, Robson, Reeves (McGuire), Fashanu, Paddon, Peters.

EVERTON (2) 2 (King, Kidd)
BRIGHTON (0) 0 23,534
Everton: Hodge; Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Higgins, Ross, Hartford, Stanley, Latchford, Kidd, King.
Brighton: Moseley; Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Suddaby, Ryan, Ward, Clarke, Lawrenson, O'Sullivan.

IPSWICH (3) 4 (Mills, Gates 3)
MAN. CITY (0) 0 18,221
Ipswich: Sivell; Burley, Butcher, Thijssen, Osman, Beattie (McCall), Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Gates, Mills.
Man. City: Corrigan; Ranson, Power, Bennett, Caton, Booth, Henry, Daley, Robinson, Viljoen, Palmer.

MAN. UTD. (0) 1 (Thomas)
LEEDS (1) 1 (Connor) 57,478
Man. Utd.: Bailey; Nicholl, Grimes, McIlroy, Moran, Buchan, Coppell, Wilkins, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.
Leeds: Lukic; Cherry, Stevenson, Hamson (Harris), Hart, Greenhoff, Gray, Hird, Connor, Curtis, Graham.

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Williams) 15,469
Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Peters, Natrass, Ashcroft (Hedley), McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong.
Southampton: Wells; Golac, Peach, Williams, Watson, Nicholl, Ball, Boyer, Channon, Holmes, Hebbard.

STOKE (2) 3 (Crooks 3)
W.B.A. (1) 2 (Regis, Barnes pen) 18,865
Stoke: Jones; Evans, Johnson, Heath, Dodd, Doyle, Irvine (Busby), Richardson, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Randall.
W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Pendrey, Mills, Wile, Robertson, Treweek, Brown (A), Regis, Owen (Deehan), Barnes.

WOLVES (2) 3 (Gray 2, Walsh o.g.)
BOLTON (0) 1 (Whatmore) 20,169
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel (Brazier), Hughes, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves.
Bolton: McDonough, Allardyce, Nicholson, Greaves, Jones, Walsh, Morgan, Whatmore, Carter, Cantello, Burke.

Second Division

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Burke) 8,559
WATFORD (0) 0
Burnley: Stevenson; Arins, Brennan, Burke, Overson (V), Dixon (Scott), Smith, Dobson, Hamilton, James, Young.
Watford: Steele; Henderson, Harrison, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Pollard, Blissett, Mercer, Train, Rostron.



Everton 'keeper Martin Hodge saves from Brighton's Ray Clarke.

FULHAM (2) 2 (Guthrie, Beck)
SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Keay pen) 5,337
Fulham: Digweed; Peters, Strong, Money, Hatter, Gale, Greenaway, Beck, Guthrie, Lock, Davies.
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Larkin, Lindsay, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Chapman (Biggins), Dungworth, Maguire.

LEICESTER (0) 2 (Henderson, Goodwin)
ORIENT (1) 2 (Margerrison, Mayo) 16,303
Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Welsh, May, O'Neill, Lineker, Henderson, Young, Byrne (Goodwin), Smith.
Orient: Day; Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Moores, Chiedozie, Hughton, Mayo, Jennings (Margerrison), Coates.

LUTON (1) 1 (Moss)
NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Rafferty) 14,845
Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.
Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Carney, Martin (Connolly), Barton, Boam, Shoulder, Cartwright, Withe, Rafferty, Hibbitt.

NOTTS CO (1) 1 (O'Brien pen)
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Lynex) 11,381
Notts Co: Avramovic; Richards, O'Brien, Hunt, Stubbs, Blockley, McCulloch, Masson, Hooks (Christie), Beavon, Mair.
Birmingham: Wealands; Broadhurst, Dennis, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Dillon, Ainscow, Worthington, Bertschin, Lynex.

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OLDHAM (1) 1 (Stainrod)
CHELSEA (0) 0 10,201
Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Blair, Kowenick, Clements, Holt, Valentine, Keegan, Steel, Stainrod, Atkinson.
Chelsea: Borota; Locke, Wilkins, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Frost, Walker, Harris.

PRESTON (0) 2 (Bruce, Elliott)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 2 (Biley 2) 7,585
Preston: Tunks; Taylor, Wilson, Burns, Baxter, O'Riordan, Bell, Haslegrave, Elliott, McGee (Coleman), Bruce.
Cambridge: Webster; Calderwood, Smith, Turner, Fallon, O'Neill, Biley, Spriggs, Reilly, Gibbins, Murray.

Third Division

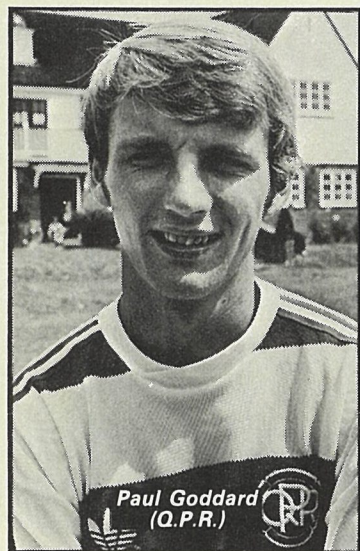
BLACKBURN (1) 2 (McKenzie, Brotherston)
OXFORD (0) 1 (Graydon) 6,714
Blackburn: Arnold; Kendall, Branagan, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Parkes, Craig, Crawford, McKenzie.
Oxford: Brown; Doyle, Fogg, Briggs, McIntosh, Jeffrey, Graydon, Duncan, Brock, Cooke, Hodgson.

BLACKPOOL (3) 5 (Kellow 2, Harrison 2, Spence)
READING (0) 2 (Bowman, Kearney) 3,834

Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Pashley, McEwan, Ashurst, Hockaday, Harrison, Kellow, Spence, Weston, Doyle.
Reading: Death; Hetzke, White, Bowman, Shipperley, Moreline, Kearney, Sanchez, Heale, Kearns, Joslyn (Cheetham).

BRENTFORD: (3) 7 (Phillips 2, Booker 3, Fear, Kruse)
HULL (1) 2 (Farley, Bannister) 6,790
Brentford: Porter; Shrubbs, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser, Carlton, Glover, Booker, Fear, Phillips.
Hull: Blackburn; Nisbet, Hood, Hawker, Croft, Haigh, Roberts, Moss, Edwards, Bannister, Farley.

CHESTERFIELD (0) 3 (Birch pen, Kowalski, Moss)
MILLWALL (0) 2 (Mitchell 2) 4,784
Chesterfield: Kendall; Tarrt, O'Neill, Ridley, Green, Kowalski, Birch, Moss, Walker, Salmons, Crawford.
Millwall: Jackson; Donaldson, Kinsella, Chatterton, Tagg, Blyth, Townner, Seaman, Mehmet, Lyons, Mitchell.



Q.P.R. (0) 2 (Goddard 2)
WREXHAM (1) 2 (Edwards, Vinter) 11,652

Q.P.R.: Woods; Shanks, Gillard, McCreery, Hazell, Wicks, Bowles, Roeder (Currie), Allen, Goddard, Hill.
Wrexham: Davies; Darracott, Dwyer, Davis, Jones, Fox, Vinter, Sutton, Edwards (Hill), McNeil, Cartwright.

SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Davies o.g., Robson)
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Bishop) 25,370
Sunderland: Turner; Whitworth, Bolton, Clarke, Elliott, Buckley, Arnott, Cummins, Brown, Robson, Marangoni.
Cardiff: Davies; Dwyer, Sullivan, Campbell, Pontin, Thomas, Elliott, Bishop, Moore, Ronson, Lewis (Stevens).

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Callaghan)
CHARLTON (0) 0 11,811
Swansea: Letheran; Giles, Rushbury, Charles, Phillips, Mahoney, Craig (Stevenson), Attley, James, Waddle, Callaghan.
Charlton: Wood; Hazell, Shaw, Tydeman, Berry, Madden, Powell (Ostergaard), Jacobsen, Hales, Walker, Gritt.

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Cross 2)
BRISTOL R (1) 1 (Barrowclough) 17,763
West Ham: Parkes; Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Allen, Neighbour, Pearson, Cross, Brooking, Devonshire.
Bristol R: Thomas; Bater, Williams, Mabbutt, Taylor, Aitken, Barrowclough, Emmanuel, Brown (Jones), Penny, Pulis.

Gillingham: Hillyard; White, Barker (Richardson), Overton, Weatherley, Crabbe, Hughes, Bruce, Price, Westwood, Funnell.

SHEFF. WED (0) 0
EXETER (1) 1 (Rogers P) 11,530
Sheff. Wed: Bolder; Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering, Hornsby, Wylde, Porterfield (Johnson), Mellor, King, Curran.
Exeter: Main; Mitchell, Hatch, Hore, Roberts (P), Roberts (L), Neville, Pearson, Rogers (P), Delve, Pullar.

SWINDON (4) 8 (McHale 2, 1 pen., Kamara, Mayes 2, Rowland 2, Tucker)
BURY (0) 0 7,685
Swindon: Allan; Lewis, Ford, McHale, Tucker, Stroud, Miller, Kamara (Carter), Rowland, Mayes, Williams.
Bury: Forrest; Ritson, Halford, Waldron (Lugg), Whitehead, Howard, Madden, Wilson, Johnson, Hilton, Mullen.

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Cork)
SHEFF. UTD (1) 1 (Butlin) 4,740
Wimbledon: Goddard; Briley, Jones, Galliers, Bowgett, Downes, Dziadulewicz, Parsons, Leslie, Cork, Lewington.
Sheff. Utd: Ramsbottom; Cutbush, Garner, Kenworthy, McPhail, Matthews, de Goeij, Flood, Butlin, Speight, Sabella.

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (James o.g., McGregor)
YORK (1) 2 (Randall, Wellings) 3,610
Aldershot: Johnson; Scott, Wooler, Dixon, Bennett, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, French, Needham, McGregor.
York: Neenan; Kay, Harrison, Ford, Clements, James, Randall, Lorimer, Eccles (Byrne), McDonald, Wellings.

DARLINGTON (1) 3 (Nattress, Stalker, Walsh)
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Beamish) 1,403
Darlington: Owers; Nattress, Cochrane, Ball, Craig, Smith, McLean, Charlton, Stalker, Taylor, Ellis (Walsh).
Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, O'Neil, Mungall, Lumby, Beamish, Peplow.

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Hendrie)
LINCOLN (0) 0 1,991
Halifax: Kilner; Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, Harris, Hendrie, Firth, Kennedy, Allott, Stafford (Smith), Burke.
Lincoln: Grotier; Thompson, Neale, Watson, Saunders, Peake, Hobson, Carr, Harford, Ball (Cunningham), Bell.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
NEWPORT (0) 0 2,587
Hartlepool: Burleigh; Sweeney, Carr, Lawrence, Brooke, Ayre, Loadwick, Houchen, Newton, Staff (Larkin), Hampton.
Newport: Dowler; Walden, Relish, Bruton (D), Oakes, Bailey, Vaughan, Lowndes, Aldridge, Gwyther (Tynan), Warriner.

HEREFORD (0) 0
BRADFORD C. (1) 2 (Staniforth, Wood) 3,337
Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Feeley, Cunningham, Spiring, McGrellis, Phillips, White (Jones).
Bradford C: Smith; Podd, Watson, Wood, Baines, Cooper, Martinez, Dolan, Staniforth, McNiven, Hutchins.

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 2,120
Northampton: Poole; Walker, Sandercock, Byatt, Waldcock, Farrington, Denyer, Saunders, O'Donoghue, Farmer, McCaffrey.
Scunthorpe: Gordon; Davy, Peacock, Oates, Dall, Deere, Pilling, Partridge, Cowling, Cammack, Stewart.

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 5,371
Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Phillips, Sharkey, Slough, Foster, Quow, Kellock, Cliss, Gynn (Robson), Syrett.

Portsmouth: Knight; Ellis, Viney, Brisley, Aizlewood, Davey, Garwood, Laidlaw, Hemmerman, Bryant, Rogers.

TORQUAY (1) 3 (Sermanni, Cooper 2)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Holmes) 4,044
Torquay: Turner; Pethard, Ritchie, Wilson, Bourne, Sermanni, Levy, Lawrence, Cooper, Twitchin, Murphy.
Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Robinson, Stanton, Sutton, Topping (Holmes), Laverick, Hart, Fletcher, Robins, Purdie.

WALSALL (0) 1 (Penn)
WIGAN (1) 1 (Quinn) 5,261
Walsall: Green; Macken, Caswell, Sbragia, Serella, Paul, Penn, Waddington, McDonough, Buckley, Williams.
Wigan: Brown; Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton (Moore), Quinn, Urquhart.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP FINAL

ABERDEEN (0) 0
DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 A.E.T.
 at Hampden Park 27,173
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Rougvie, McLeish, Garner, Miller, Strachan, Archibald, McGhee (Jarvie), McMaster (Hamilton), Scanlon.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine; Stark, Kopel, Phillip (Fleming), Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Sturrock, Pettigrew, Holt, Payne (Murray).

Scottish Premier

MORTON (0) 0
RANGERS (0) 1 (Johnstone) 15,000
Morton: Baines; Hayes, Holmes, Miller, McLaughlin, Orr, McLaren (Tolmie), Hutchinson, Thomson, Scott, Ritchie.
Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Forsyth (T), Jackson, Stevens, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, MacDonald (A), MacDonald (J) (Cooper).

DUNDEE v CELTIC and PARTICK v ST MIRREN postponed.

Scottish First

AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Lapsley pen.)
CLYDE (1) 2 (Hood 2) 3,000
BERWICK (0) 1 (Smith G)
HAMILTON (0) 1 (Graham) 1,070
HEARTS (0) 1 (O'Sullivan)
DUMBARTON (0) 0 5,600

MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (Clelland, Irvine, Clinging)
ST. JOHNSTONE (0) 0 2,064

RAITH (1) 1 (Harrow)
ARBROATH (0) 1 (Mylles) 1,500
STIRLING (1) 1 (Kennedy A)
AYR (0) 1 (Lindsay) 1,050
CLYDEBANK v DUNFERMLINE postponed

Scottish Second

COWDENBEATH (2) 2 (Markie, Steele)
ALLOA (0) 1 (Holt) 600
FORFAR (0) 2 (McPhee, Clarke)
FALKIRK (0) 1 (Oliver) 1,500

MONTROSE (3) 6 (Oliver 2, Murray 2, 1 pen., Robb 2)
STRANRAER (2) 3 (Gibb, Harvey, Inglis) 500

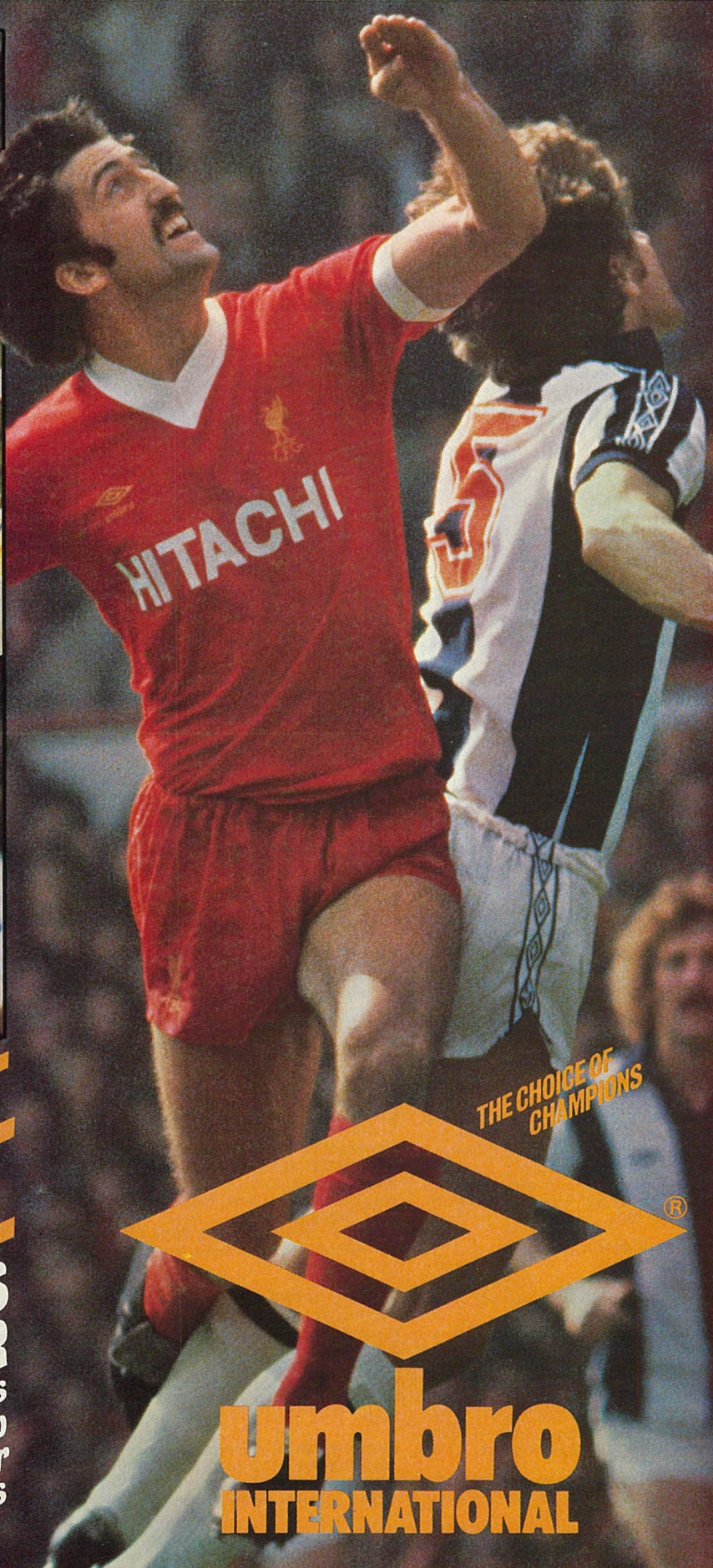
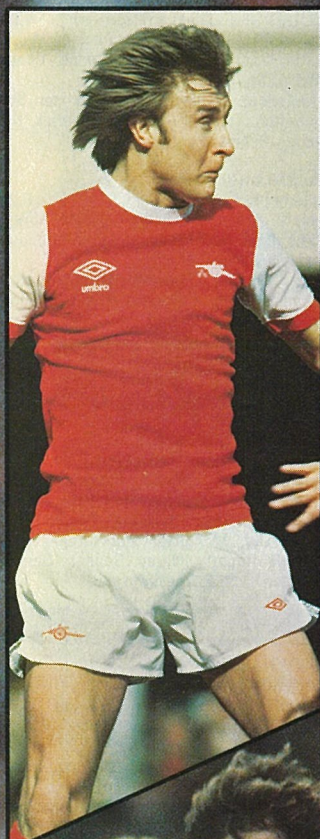
Q of S (1) 2 (Alexander, Shields)
E. FIFE (2) 4 (Lumsden 2, Wedderburn, Mackie pen) 500

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Jenkins)
E. STIRLING (0) 0 400
ALBION v BRECHIN postponed

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DUNDEE



BACK ROW (left to right): Jocky Scott, Willie Watson, Ian McDougall, Ally Donaldson, Robert Geddes, Brian Scrimgeour, Leslie Barr, Alex Caldwell.

MIDDLE ROW: Eric Ferguson (physio), Erik Schaedler, Mark McGhee, Stuart McLaren, Alan Lamb, Peter Millar, George McGeachie, Billy Williamson, Stuart Turnbull, Jim Murphy.

FRONT ROW: Willie Wallace (coach), Ian Redford, John McPhail (now Sheffield Utd), Eric Sinclair, Ian Ferguson, Bobby Glennie, Stephen McIntosh, Jim Shirra, John Bradley, Hugh Robertson (coach).

SHOOT!

CELTIC fans thought they were seeing things. Their favourites had sold number one pin-up boy Kenny Dalglish to Liverpool for £440,000, but, on the field in a green-and-white jersey was Dalglish's double.

The blond-haired youngster had all the Dalglish mannerisms as he flitted across the pitch. The name of that teenager was Peter Mackie and Celtic fans smiled happily... it looked as though they had a ready-made replacement for Anfield-bound Dalglish.

Today, three years later, Peter Mackie isn't even at Parkhead. He signed for Dundee this season for a paltry £30,000 and the transfer hardly created a stir.

The big mystery is why did the player fail to make an impact with Celtic? Dundee manager Tommy Gemmell says: "He didn't have a lot of first team experience, but I knew he had great potential."

"I was happy to pay the cash for him. Let's face it, in today's market a fee like that has got to be a bargain. I was confident a settled first team run would bring out the best in the youngster."

Gemmell, who also failed in an ambitious £100,000-plus bid for another Celt, centre-half Roddie MacDonald, has done a good piece



Dave Johnstone (right) clears the ball from Hearts' Ian Smith, the kind of determination needed from the Dens Park men if they are to avoid the drop straight back into the First Division.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

DUNDEE still trying to find their way

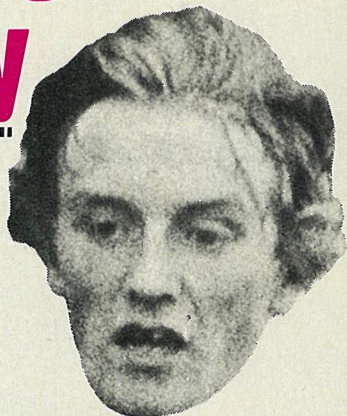
of business if Mackie's recent form is anything to go by.

Mackie is now looking up the table with Dundee rather than gazing down it from the top with Champions Celtic. But the boy has a burning ambition to make a name for himself in the game and he is going about his business in a thoroughly professional manner.

"It just didn't work out at Celtic," says Mackie. "I didn't get a settled run and that was why I was happy to go to Dundee when they came in for me. I knew I had the opportunity to establish myself at Dens Park."

The fee of £30,000 is remarkable today only because it is such a bargain. Gemmell says: "I prefer to call it realistic. The fees that some managers want for their players these days are ridiculous. I am not in the market of putting this club out of business."

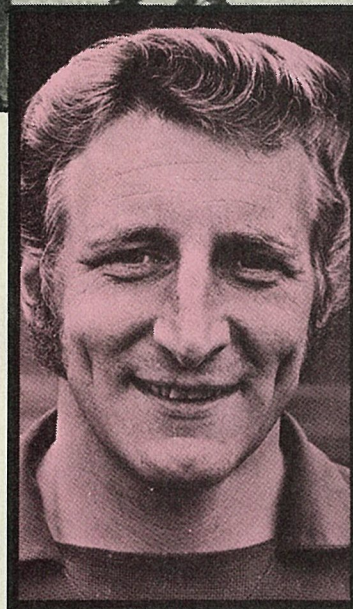
Mackie is starting his career again after a false start. The lad has got everything to prove and he won't be running away from that responsibility.



He is still settling in and getting used to the styles of his new teammates. Dundee may be threatened with relegation, but they are not going to go down without a fight.

Gemmell has assembled a fair pool of players. Eric Sinclair and Ian Redford are two impressive attack-leaders and wingers John Fletcher and Jim Murphy are exciting and enterprising.

Mackie might be a little sad at not making the grade at Parkhead, but he should remember that even Kenny Dalglish didn't achieve instant success with Celtic. He had to spend three years in the



Manager Tommy Gemmell (above) and ex-Celt Peter Mackie (left).

reserves before coming through.

His 'double' has gone elsewhere to make up for lost time. His courage should be rewarded.

The last time Dundee made a real impact on Scottish soccer was almost ten years ago when a sweeping low shot from Gordon Wallace, now the Raith Rovers manager, eluded the desperate dive of Celtic goalkeeper Ally Hunter and gave the Dens Park men a 1-0 triumph in the League Cup.

Since then, however, Dundee seem to have lost their way. They had an exciting team at the time with ex-Celt Tommy Gemmell, the present boss, leading them on the field as captain and former Rangers boss Davie White in the hot seat.

The team grew old, players were sold, the manager was sacked and then followed three years in the

doldrums. Only at the end of last season did they manage to win a place in the Premier Division and they have found the going tough.

Older fans sigh at the team of '61-'62 who walloped just about everyone on their way to a wonderful Championship success. That team was one of the most entertaining ever to be seen in Scotland.

Ian Ure was the rock-like centre-back with Bert Slater in goal. Andy Penman thrashed in goals with awesome power and there was Alan Gilzean, lean and menacing, snapping up chances inside and outside the box with impeccable finishing.

They had a set of full-backs, Ian Hamilton and Bobby Cox, who were ahead of their time with the amount of overlapping they did. At first the Dundee fans were alarmed to see their defenders crossing the halfway line, but they soon got used to the tactic... even if rival teams didn't!

Controversial

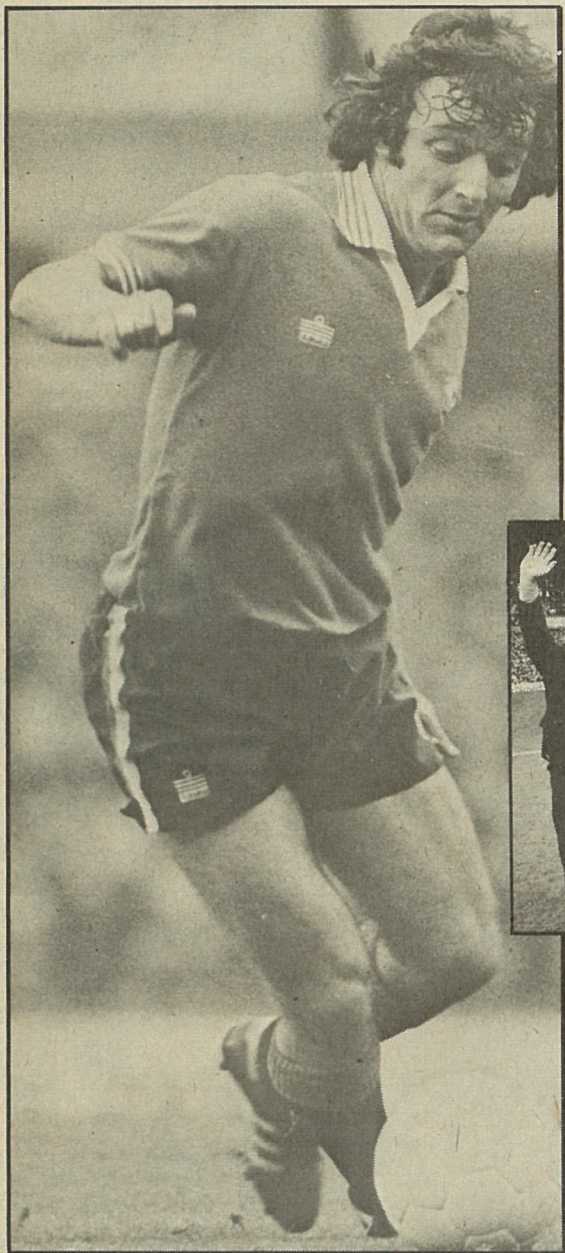
That team also broke up, though Dundee almost became the first British club to win the European Cup.

They blasted their way into the Semi-Final before losing in controversial circumstances to A.C. Milan, who went on to beat Benfica 2-1 in the Final.

Today Dundee are being forced to play second fiddle to their near rivals United, who, of course, won the League Cup this season. Amazingly, United lifted the trophy at Dens Park which rubs salt into the wounds of their near-neighbours!

Dundee, however, hope to get their share of the glory and manager Tommy Gemmell wants that to happen in the very near future.

PHOTO CASEBOOK



LOU MACARI

This is your soccer life



Lou Macari's career started with Celtic, with whom he won his first honours. One of the highlights came in 1971, when he scored against old rivals Rangers in Celtic's Scottish Cup victory (above). In January, 1973, he joined Manchester United for £200,000, and although relegated the following season, they bounced back with the Second Division title in 1975 (left).



In 1977 Lou gained his first F.A. Cup winner's medal with a victory over Liverpool (left), followed by an unsuccessful return to Wembley for last season's Final against Arsenal (above). Macari has also won 24 full caps for Scotland, the last of which came against Iran in the 1978 World Cup Finals (above, left). Scotland's lack of goal power could earn him a recall in 1980.

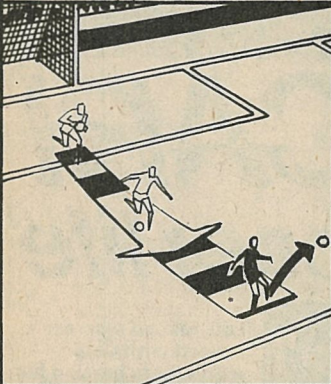


YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

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The goalkeeper collects the ball, takes three paces while it is in his arms, then places it on the ground and dribbles it for a few yards. He then picks it up, takes four more paces and kicks the ball upfield. Is this in order?



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A free-kick is awarded to the defending team on their own goal-line. Can the attacking players stand ten yards away but inside the penalty-area?



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Are players entitled to an interval after the first period of extra-time?



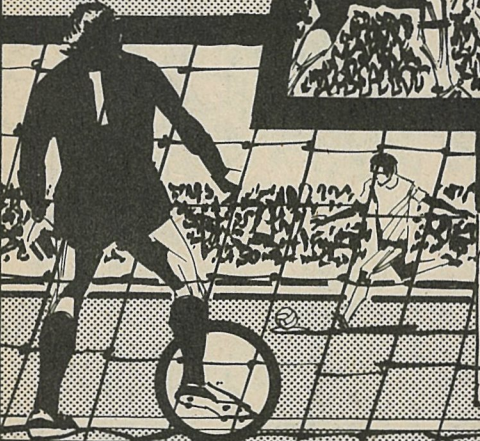
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As play is going on, a second ball is thrown on the field. Should you: (a) ignore this and wait until the match ball is out of play; (b) stop play immediately, or (c) use your discretion on whether it interferes with the game?



5

At the taking of a penalty-kick the goalkeeper moves his feet after you blow your whistle for the kick, but before the kick is taken. Should you await the result of the penalty-kick before deciding what to do?



ANSWERS

1. No. This is a law which I feel is not enforced enough throughout the world. Goalkeepers are slowing the game up when they have the ball in their arms. The Law states: 'The goalkeeper must not take more than four steps while holding, bouncing or throwing the ball in the air and catching it again without releasing it so that it is played to another player.' 2. No. 3. No. 4. Use your discretion whether it interferes with the game (c). 5. Yes.

ON MONDAY morning January 7th after training, the Forest first team squad and assistant-manager Peter Taylor gathered around a radio in the club's committee room to hear the draw for the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup.

After several ties had been announced came the customary sound of the numbered balls being given a shake and then pause before . . . Nottingham Forest will play . . . Liverpool!

A great cheer went up among the Forest players. Not because the Champions of Europe and England have been paired together . . . we were simply delighted to get a home draw at last.

We considered that the most vital factor, no matter who our opponents were.

The prospect of meeting Liverpool doesn't frighten Forest in the least.

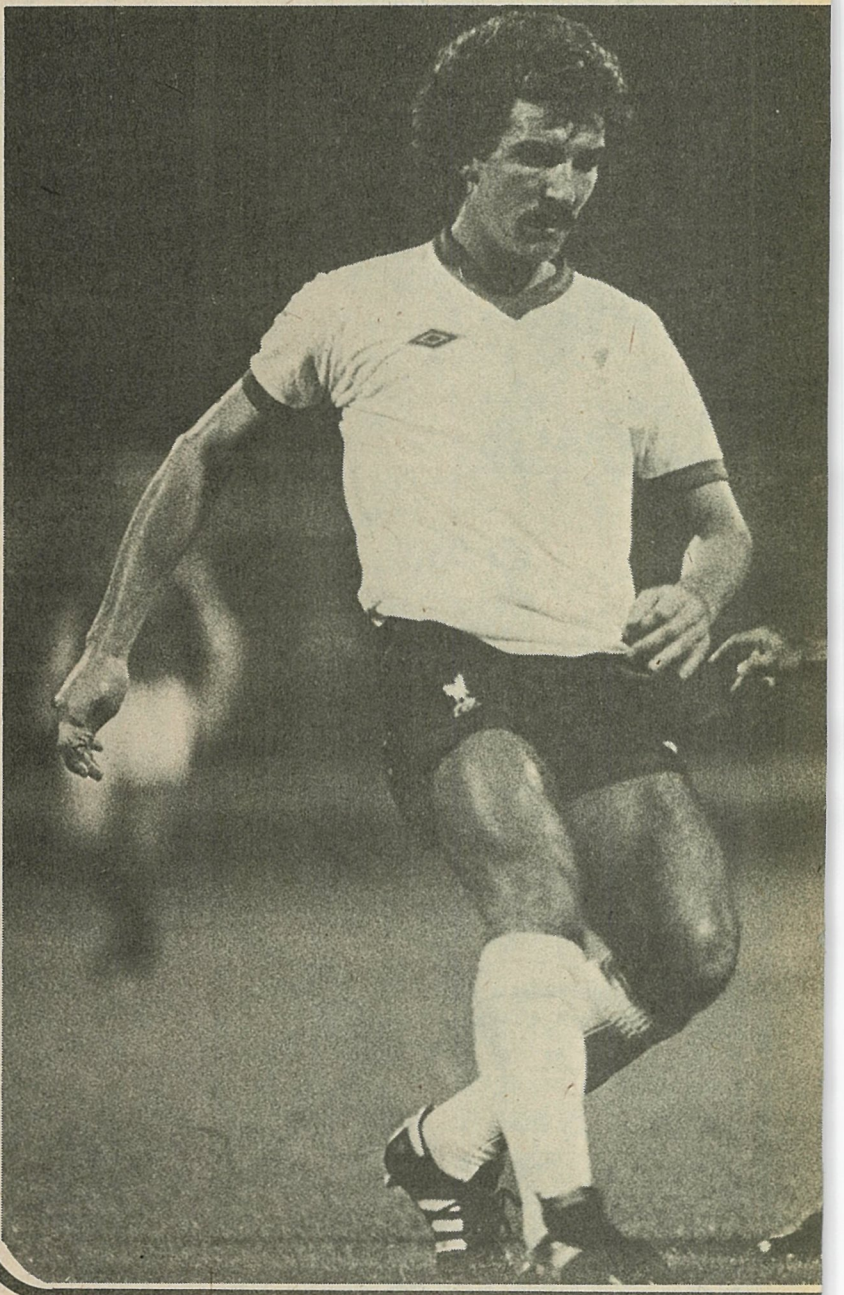
Everyone at the City Ground was delighted with the draw. If Forest are to regain their position as England's leading club we must play against and beat the best. And they don't come much bigger and better



than Liverpool.

Not that the country's two most successful clubs in recent years have anything to learn from each other. In two-and-a-half seasons, I believe I'm right in saying, we've met 13 times in four different competitions.

During that time Forest have scored two great Cup victories over Liverpool. We beat them in the 1978





League Cup Final after a 0-0 draw at Wembley and then knocked them out of the European Cup last season in the First Round.

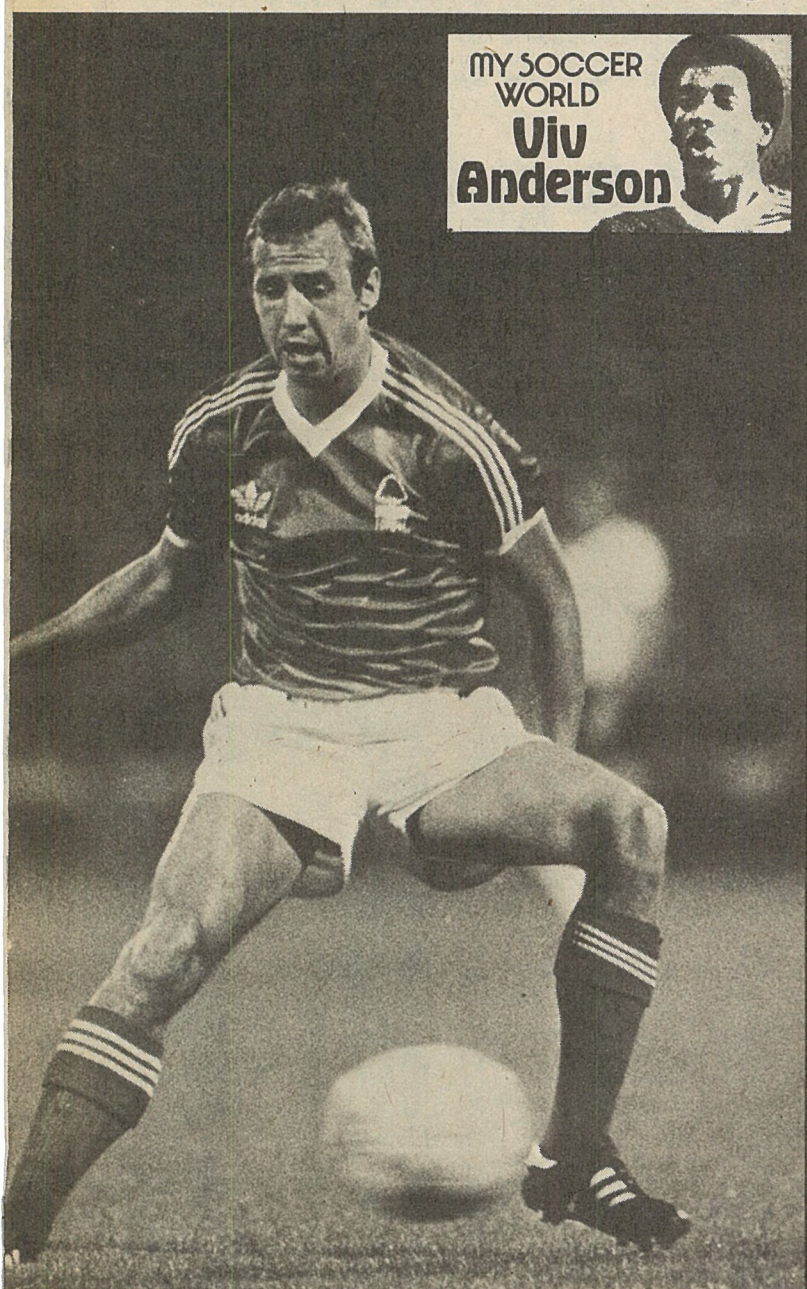
But to balance the books, Liverpool deprived us of the Championship last season and look a good bet to retain it.

This Fourth Round draw could well decide the outcome of two of this season's top trophies.

As you know Liverpool are also our opponents in the League Cup Semi-Final, the first-leg of which was played on January 16th.

Unfortunately I had to write this column before the result of the match was known. But whatever the outcome it will have no bearing on Saturday's F.A. Cup-tie.

'WE CAN BEAT THE CHAMPIONS AGAIN'



MY SOCCER
WORLD
Viv
Anderson

Graeme Souness of Liverpool and Forest's John McGovern are old adversaries (left). Brighton could upset holders Arsenal in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup after a poor start to the season (above, left).

at the City Ground on Saturday, September 29th.

It wasn't a particularly good game, but at least Forest won, thanks to a Garry Birtles goal.

Since then, of course, Liverpool have gone from strength to strength and are now back on top.

Every member of the Liverpool side — even the substitute — is a dangerman. But the one player really turning it on at the moment is England striker Dave Johnson.

This season Dave has been practically unstoppable and at the time of writing had scored 20 goals.

Terry McDermott is also having a fine season, taking some of the limelight away from one of the most complete footballers of our time . . . Kenny Dalglish.

But even if these three had been playing for Leeds, I doubt whether they could have stopped Forest winning in the Third Round at Elland Road.

We were magic. Everything clicked into place and appropriately it was former Leeds star Frankie Gray who started us on the glory road with a free-kick goal inside the first minute.

A tremendous long run by Trevor Francis — how well he's playing — set-up a second goal for Garry Birtles just before half-time.

Then Ian Bowyer hammered a fabulous shot into the top corner after I had forced a corner.

A few minutes later Larry Lloyd, who had played a magnificent part in our victory, conceded an own-goal.

Forest completed a miserable afternoon for Leeds when John Robertson beat 'keeper John Lukic with a delicate chip shot.

I just hope we can match that form on Saturday.

The second-leg of the League Cup Semi-Final takes place on 12th February, then we have to face Liverpool at Anfield again four days later in the League.

While the country awaits Saturday's Clash of the Giants at the City Ground, it's a shame that one of the glamour sides will now be eliminated from the competition so early on. What a Cup Final this would have made.

Forest won't be making special plans for this encounter, we never do for Cup-ties. Change your routine and it could seriously upset the rhythm of the side.

Home advantage will give Forest the ace over Liverpool, whose last domestic defeat was in the League

Now . . . which clubs do I think will accompany Forest into the Fifth Round? Let's have a quick run through the rest of the draw.

Carlisle v. Wrexham . . . A draw, with the Welshmen winning the replay at the Racecourse Ground.

Bristol City v. Ipswich . . . despite City's convincing victory in the last round I take Ipswich to win through. They're having a fine run at the moment and have crept almost unnoticed up the First Division.

Birmingham v. Middlesbrough . . . City's victory over Southampton in the Third Round was a fine performance. I fancy Brum to win and do well in the rest of the competition. Promotion and an appearance in the Cup Final is not an impossibility.

Watford v. Harlow . . . despite Harlow's fine win against Leicester, I take Watford to win.

Swindon v. Spurs . . . the home team are renowned giant-killers and are certainly capable of inflicting another major upset. But I forecast a draw with Spurs winning at White Hart Lane.

Chester v. Millwall . . . a win for Chester following their victory over Second Division Newcastle.

Rochdale/Bury v. Burnley . . . I take Burnley to hold the lower division side and then win the replay at Turf Moor.

Swansea v. Reading . . . not a very inspiring tie. I must go for the Second Division side to win at Vetch Field.

Bolton v. Halifax . . . Wanderers look certs for relegation and will be looking for a good Cup run to salvage something from an otherwise disastrous season.

Blackburn/Fulham v. Coventry . . . Coventry are so unpredictable anything can happen. The match will end in a draw with Sky Blues winning at Highfield Road.

Orient v. West Ham . . . I must take Hammers to win. They were so impressive against Forest in the League Cup and have already beaten Orient in the League.

Arsenal v. Brighton . . . a great match. The Seagulls are doing well at the moment and could well shock The Gunners.

Everton v. Wigan . . . After their fine win against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, Wigan could spring a surprise at Goodison. Mind you, Everton have so many experienced players they could go all the way to Wembley.

Cambridge v. Aston Villa . . . only one result, a win for Villa.

Wolves v. Norwich . . . this could go either way, but I'll give the edge to Wolves simply because they're the home side.

It'll be interesting to see just how many of my forecasts turn out to be right. This is the first time I've really attempted any crystal-ball gazing.

Cheers for now . . .

Viv Anderson

HOW much does the average Scottish Premier Division player earn? That was the question on the lips of almost everyone with the news that George Best would be getting over £2,000 per game for Hibernian.

That sum makes him by far the highest paid player in Scottish soccer history, and none of the current players is anywhere near that sum.

Getting details on club payments is obviously difficult. Players do not like talking about their wages and there is a lot of speculation around.

Rangers, for instance, won the Scottish Cup and the League Cup last season, but their balance sheet showed that most players earned something in the region of £11,000 to £12,000. That is hardly exceptional in this day and age.

It seems that basic wages in Scotland are not good compared

contract with a car company and all their players are currently driving brand new cars!

Celtic, Rangers, Aberdeen, Dundee United and, yes, Hibs are probably the top five in the wages League.

On the other end of the scale a part-time Premier Division player told SHOOT that he picked up only £27 per week when he wasn't in the first team. He made the point he could earn more working in his job on a Saturday and forgetting about training three nights a week and playing on matchday for the reserves.

Hibs players don't run around in particularly flashy cars and, in fact, the ones based in Glasgow prefer to travel through to Edinburgh by rail.

George Best has certainly walked into a whole new ball game!

PREMIER PLAYERS POORLY PAID



with the bigger English clubs, but there are huge cash incentives for clubs who are successful, especially in the League Championship. Celtic won it last season, of course, but their balance sheet has not been published yet so it is difficult to be accurate about what an individual might earn at Parkhead.

Dundee United's wage structure is geared to success. It has been said that their players will be easily the highest paid in Scotland if they gain success, and their League Cup victory this season might work at around an average of £17,000, although we stress that is speculation.

Clubs don't like to talk about bonus schemes, but there are different systems. Morton players, for instance, are believed to pick up more per point while they are in the top two in the Premier Division than if they were say, a middle of the table team. Their bonus could be around £40 to £50 a point, which is good for a part-time team.

There are other incentives for top Scots. Celtic players have a

George Best (below) is earning the kind of money at Hibernian that players at Aberdeen and Dundee United (above), for example, can only dream of.



SPECIAL SHOOT REPORT

THE controversy that has settled on the shoulders of Alan Rough has somehow deflected a lot of the criticism of the Scottish international side in the last year.

Certainly the Partick Thistle 'keeper is the first to accept some of the responsibility for several of the goals that have found their way past him in big matches. He didn't try to hide when the criticism was at its height after that incredible blunder against Austria that presented Hans Krankl with the easiest chance of his career.

The Barcelona striker stroked it into the unguarded net and the game finished 1-1. A lot of people blamed Rough for his tragic mistake, but they should have remembered the chances that Scotland carved out against the Austrians and that were squandered.

Now, into the 80's, Scotland must get their priorities absolutely in order. Even with the greatest goalkeeper in the world they are

To watch Archibald worrying defences and looking fearsome in the penalty box is to be so easily reminded of Denis Law, who was born in Aberdeen where Archibald now plays his soccer.

Archibald's time will undoubtedly come. Comparing him with Denis Law is an easy thing to do. He has some of the same mannerisms, the shirt flopping outside the jersey, the clenched fist when he scores yet another goal, the quicksilver movements inside the box, and the grim determination.

Derek Johnstone, the sturdy, powerful Rangers skipper, must also come into the reckoning. He has been one of the most consistent goalscorers in Scottish soccer ever since he made his debut as a 16-year-old.

"Because I've always been fairly

**Forget their
goalkeeping
problems . . .**

Scotland

not going to win many games or lift any glittering prizes if they cannot find someone who can put the ball in the net.

Kenny Dalglish is being asked to do too much as it is already, and he must have support. You immediately think of £1½ million superstar Andy Gray, but he has yet to thoroughly convince the Scottish fans that he is 100 per cent fit.

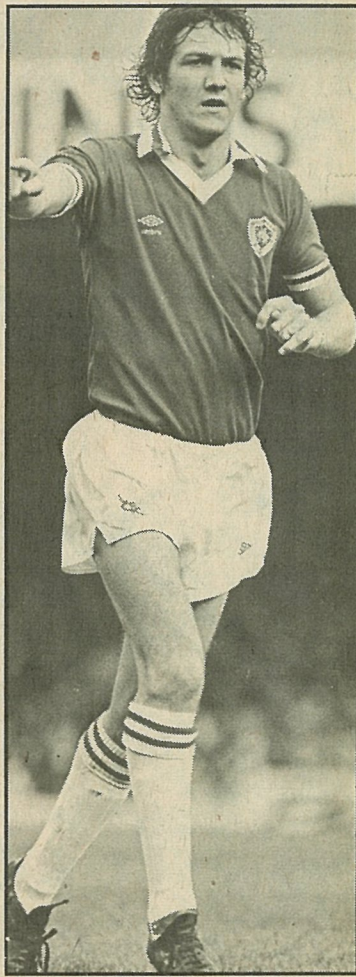
Once Gray is completely free of the injury jinx he will undoubtedly play his part in the reshaping of Scotland, but who are the other players Jock Stein will be able to turn to when he needs someone to frighten rival goalkeepers?

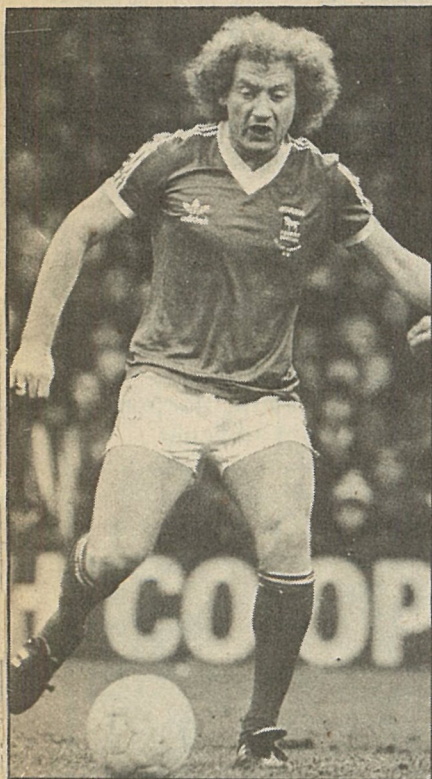
SHOOT has looked at strikers on both sides of the border and have compiled a short list of men who could provide a major part of the jigsaw that Stein is hoping will fall into place in time to make Scotland a force to be reckoned with in the World Cup Finals in Spain '82.

Aberdeen's Stevie Archibald, called into the Under-21 side this season, is a player who immediately springs to mind. Playing for his country obviously means an awful lot to him.

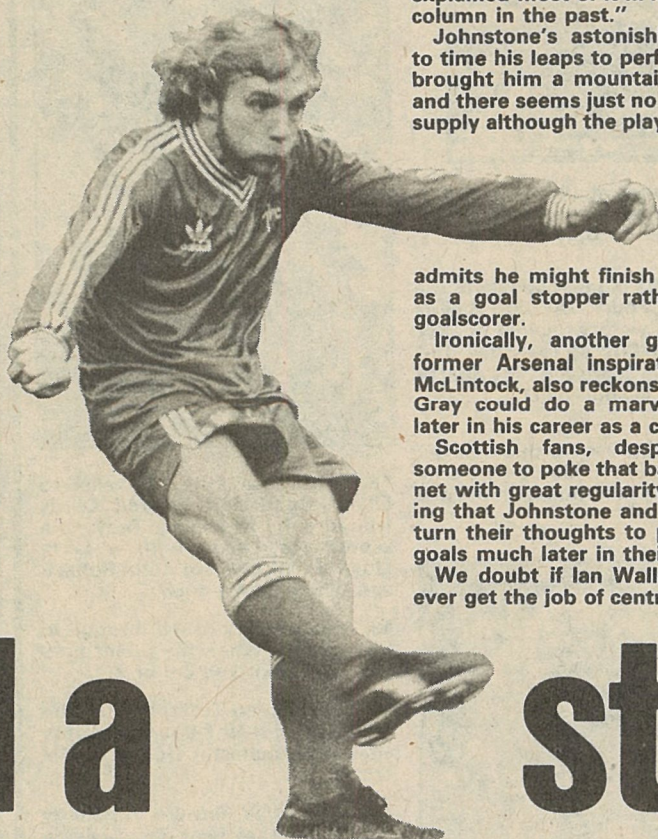
"Denis Law was my idol when he played for Scotland," says the courageous Archibald. "He was a really exciting player in everything he did and electrifying to watch in action."

"One of my favourite 'treasures' at home is a picture of myself with Denis when he was in a store at Aberdeen. It was a great thrill to meet him in person. He was a fabulous player, a striker I really admired."





Ipswich's Alan Brazil (left) and Steve Archibald (below) of Aberdeen could prove the solution to Jock Stein's problems.



well built and tall I've always been able to get a goal or two," says Derek, a quiet, likeable chap off field.

"That's what first got me started at school and everything just took off from there. I've already explained most of it in my SHOOT column in the past."

Johnstone's astonishing ability to time his leaps to perfection has brought him a mountain of goals and there seems just no end to the supply although the player himself

admits he might finish his career as a goal stopper rather than a goalscorer.

Ironically, another great Scot, former Arsenal inspiration Frank McLintock, also reckons that Andy Gray could do a marvellous job later in his career as a centre-half.

Scottish fans, desperate for someone to poke that ball into the net with great regularity, are hoping that Johnstone and Gray may turn their thoughts to preventing goals much later in their careers!

We doubt if Ian Wallace would ever get the job of centre-half, but

everyone the chance to prove himself. And we're confident flame-haired Wallace will be back for his country adding to his honours and adding to his goal tally.

Leicester City manager Jock Wallace proved his shrewdness in the transfer market when he signed Alan Young for only £200,000 from Oldham last season.

Talented

The transfer went to the Tribunal before it was completed. Oldham, not surprisingly, wanted double for their talented front-man.

Stein accepted Wallace's invitation to take the trip to Filbert Street to watch 23-year-old Young in hectic front line action and he must have been impressed because he gave the natural-born goalscorer a call-up into his international plans for the recent match against Belgium at Hampden.

Another virtual 'unknown' to international fans is Alan Brazil, the frizzy-topped goal-snatcher of Ipswich Town.

Brazil, a former Celtic Boys' Club player, was overlooked by the Parkhead giants and there was talk recently of the Scottish Champions thinking about making a bid

need a striker!



Alan Young (left) has made a good impression since a move to Leicester from Oldham. Coventry's Ian Wallace (above) gets in a header against Arsenal, while Rangers' Derek Johnstone (right) also wants a regular Scotland place.



the mighty atom of Coventry City has that precious ability to pop up in the right places at the right time to get his name on the scoresheet.

"One of the most memorable moments of my career so far," remembers Wallace, "was my international debut for the full side.

"It was as a late second-half substitute against Bulgaria in a friendly in front of a huge crowd at Hampden. It was 1-1 when I went on and with my first touch of the ball I scored. I wonder how many players can claim such an achievement?

"I chased a ball into the Bulgarian area and simply gave it everything I had and I can hardly describe the joy I felt when it flashed past the 'keeper into the net. It proved to be the winner. What a feeling!"

Sadly, for one reason or another, Wallace's international career hasn't quite taken off in the manner most critics predicted.

He started the British Championship match against Wales last year and made little impact as Scotland were hammered 3-0. There was talk afterwards of Wallace being so determined to play that day that he did so while nursing a slight injury.

A policy Scotland manager Jock Stein has stuck to throughout his long and distinguished career is to never field a player unless he is 100 per cent fit.

Wallace might have suffered because of that, but Stein is the type of man who will give

for his services to team him up with his Under-21 partner George McCluskey.

Brazil blasted his way into the limelight with a marvellous solo goal in the League match against Southampton at Portman Road this season when he worked his way in from the right and then exploded a dynamic low shot into the net.

It was a brilliant bit of individualism and it is goal thrusts like this that Scotland so urgently require.

'Wonderful'

"I would obviously love to play at Hampden," says Brazil. "I used to stay just round the corner from the stadium in Glasgow. I used to go to all the big internationals with my mates and it would be wonderful to think that some day I could be out there actually playing for the full side."

Brazil's dream will surely come true if he keeps sticking the ball away with the flair and talent he displayed against Southampton.

Joe Jordan may have other ideas, but it looks as though his international days are numbered. The big man's style hasn't blended with the pattern Stein is seeking and that certainly opens up avenues for other players.

Archibald, Gray, Johnstone, Wallace, Young and Brazil have got their sights firmly set on Spain '82.

But their power is needed — NOW!

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

1. Howard Gayle, a 20-year-old coloured Liverpool winger, recently went on a month's loan to Second Division Fulham, Luton Town or Leicester City?

2. Terry Jolley was sent-off in a Third Division game against Brentford at Griffin Park recently. Which club does he play for?

3. Top referee Tom, Tony or Trevor Cox quit the Football League recently for business reasons?

4. Which Second Division assistant-manager turned down the chance of becoming number one at Bristol Rovers?

5. Aberdeen have been drawn away to Arbroath, Alloa or Ayr United in the Scottish Cup Third Round?

F.A. CUP

The Third Round was played recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the games.

6. Keith Bertschin (below) or Joe Gallagher scored Birmingham's winning goal against Southampton at St. Andrews?



7. David Johnson, John Lyons and Mick Vinter each scored hat-tricks. Which clubs do they play for?

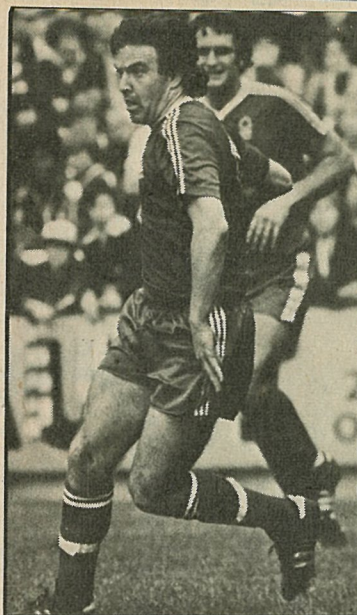
8. One of the biggest upsets of the round was Fourth Division Halifax Town's 1-0 victory against mighty Manchester City at The Shay. Did Paul Hendrie score the only goal in the first or second-half?

9. Derby County were thrashed 6-2 at Bristol City. Which two Derby players were sent home on the eve of the match?



10. Paul Mariner (above), Eric Gates or John Wark scored two of Ipswich Town's goals in their 3-0 win against Preston at Deepdale?

11. Did Ian Callaghan (right) equal Bobby Charlton's F.A. Cup record of 84 games in Swansea's first replay against Crystal Palace?

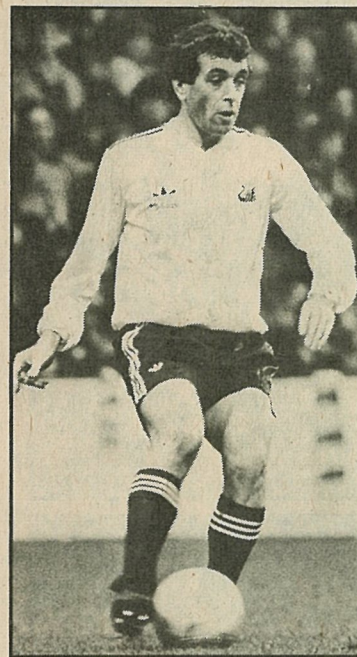


12. Nottingham Forest travelled to Elland Road and handed Leeds United a 4-1 thrashing. They even scored for Leeds with a Larry Lloyd, Frank Gray or John Robertson (above) own-goal?

13. Norwich City eased through to Round Four when they beat non-League Yeovil 1-0, 2-0 or 3-0?

14. Who scored Tottenham's winning goal in their 1-0 replay victory against Manchester United at Old Trafford?

15. Who was Burnley's penalty hero when they beat First Division Stoke City 1-0 at Turf Moor?



ANSWERS:

Martin Dobson.
13. 3-0. 14. Osvaldo Ardiles. 15. Bruce Riech and Dave Landan. 10. Mariner. 11. No. 12. Lloyd. (Wrexham). 8. Second-half. 9. Lyons (Millwall) and Vinter. 7. Johnson (Liverpool). 6. Gould. 5. Arbroath. 6. Gal- 4. Chelsea's Bobby 3. Fulham. 2. Gillingham.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Hinshelwood. (7) Ten. (8) Little. (11) Ill. (12) Crowd. (13) Era. (15) Shine. (16) Rings. (18) Fag. (20) St. (21) Pool. (22) So. (23) Carr. (26) Bow. (27) Three. (28) Derby. (30) Impel. (31) Ease. (32) Les. (33) Old.

DOWN:— (1) Hatters. (2) Ninian. (3) Hill. (4) Latchford. (5) Oblong. (6) Do. (9) Trial. (10) Ewe. (14) Ritchie. (17) Sprees. (19) Bowyer. (22) Subs. (24) Arms. (25) Rep. (26) Brad. (29) Eel.

Jumbled Name: ANDY CRAWFORD

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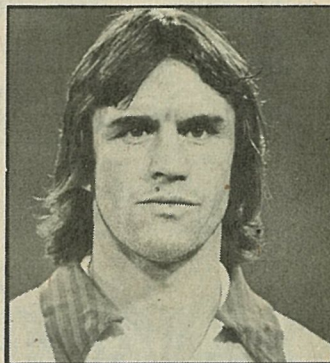
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Don't miss SHOOT the magazine the players, managers and fans read — AND LIKE!

'I should score more'

PHIL Boyer of Southampton reckons he is not as good as he should be in front of goal!

And that will come as a surprise to all those goalkeepers who've been picking the ball out of the net after Boyer got the last touch this season, and all those at The Dell who saw Boyer score in 11 successive home games for Southampton.

Unquestionably, this has been Boyer's most impressive season in terms of goals, but he's never been a slouch.

During his days with York City, Bournemouth and Norwich he maintained a fairly healthy average of goals, and Lawrie McMenemy certainly isn't complaining about Boyer's contribution.

"I've always felt I should score more goals than I do," says Boyer, while acknowledging that he has hit a purple patch this time.

"I've never had as good a start to a season as this one, and you find yourself oozing with confidence when the goals start going in.

"Within a few days I'd got hat-tricks against Crystal Palace and Derby — I really enjoyed those as Derby were my first club and Cloughie let me go without even playing me in the first team.

"Then I got two more when we beat Forest with our best display so far and I sensed then that this season was going to be a bit special.

"But even then there's been the disappointment of not being able to score goals away from home. Of the first 19 goals which I'd scored by the turn of the year, only one had been netted on another team's ground. That was at Wrexham in the League Cup, and I suppose that typifies Southampton.

"We've done tremendously well at The Dell but we haven't really clicked away as we found to our cost when we were knocked out 2-1 at Birmingham in the F.A. Cup Third Round."

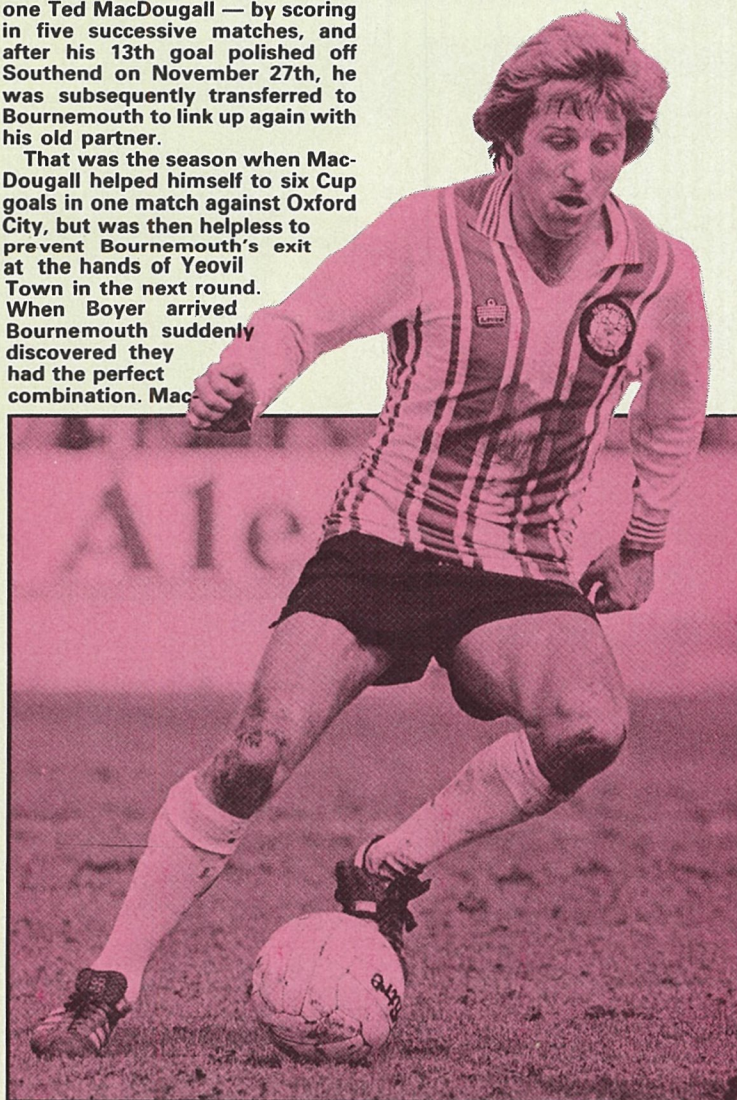
Although this is undoubtedly Boyer's best season, he has always

possessed a knack of scoring autumn goals.

Back in the 1970-71 season he made York City supporters forget the sale of their hitherto hero — one Ted MacDougall — by scoring in five successive matches, and after his 13th goal polished off Southend on November 27th, he was subsequently transferred to Bournemouth to link up again with his old partner.

That was the season when MacDougall helped himself to six Cup goals in one match against Oxford City, but was then helpless to prevent Bournemouth's exit at the hands of Yeovil Town in the next round. When Boyer arrived Bournemouth suddenly discovered they had the perfect combination. Mac-

**says goal-ace
PHIL BOYER**



Dougall smashed the club record with 49 League and Cup goals, but don't underestimate Boyer's 'assists', or his own tally of 11 to go with the 13 he'd got at York.

It was always said of Phil Boyer that he made half of MacDougall's goals, but while there was an element of truth in that, there were two sides to the coin. MacDougall was a deadly finisher in his prime and deserves due credit, and Boyer was not merely a provider.

In their second season together at Dean Court, Boyer and MacDougall shared 62 goals, the latter incredibly beating his effort of the previous season in the Cup by whacking in nine against Margate! Fifteen goals in two Cup-ties for one man — will that ever be beaten?

And when MacDougall moved on for £200,000 to Manchester United in September, 1972, the partnership had forged an amazing 149 League goals for the club in barely more than two years.

Boyer's talents were being recognised in their own right by now and it was inevitable that shrewd observers in the higher Divisions would take notice. The shrewdest was John Bond of Norwich City, who took Boyer and teamed him up yet again with MacDougall.

Bond had been Bournemouth's manager during those years of glory goals, and he knew their capabilities. He knew, too, that MacDougall needed inspiration again after disappointing times at Manchester and West Ham.

Rattled

Again it worked. MacDougall, lifted by Boyer's presence, rattled in 50 goals at the rate of one every two games at Carrow Road, and Boyer again did his share with 34 in 116 League appearances.

The latest move — so far anyway — was to Southampton where that other shrewd boss Lawrie McMenemy was rebuilding the entire club.

Stars like Osgood, Rodrigues and McCallig were on their way out, and Boyer and MacDougall were two who came to replace them along with Alan Ball.

And once again the terrible twins obliged, spanking in enough goals between them to spearhead Southampton's return to the First Division.

Now, with MacDougall playing out his time back at Bournemouth, it's Boyer who has at last reaped the rewards he was always due.

As the rapier-like ending to the swift and incisive approach play of Ball and Steve Williams he is scoring goals in a manner even MacDougall would be proud of — and it's perhaps typical of the man that even at his peak Phil Boyer is still not satisfied. That's the hallmark of a great professional.

"I'm not setting myself any targets this season," said Phil. "I just hope that I can keep scoring goals at The Dell and start to improve my away form."

"A few good results could take us back among the front-runners again, and I would love to play in Europe with Southampton next season."

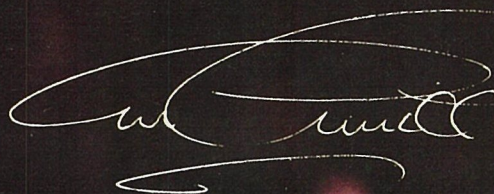


Phil Boyer (left) turns in triumph after scoring against Liverpool at The Dell this season . . . a familiar sight.

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HEIGHT: 5ft 5in
WEIGHT: 9st 12lb
PREVIOUS CLUBS: St. Mirren, Preston, Derby, Nottingham Forest
MARRIED: Yes to Betty
CHILDREN: Yes
CAR: Ford Capri 2L Ghia
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Jim Baxter
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: None
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Viv Anderson in five-a-side games at Forest
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Scotland v Holland in the 1978 World Cup
BIGGEST THRILL: Being asked to play in Pele's testimonial for the New York Cosmos
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being refused permission to play in the above game and being sub for last season's European Cup Final
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Brazil
FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything with garlic
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Music, good food, nice clothes

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MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Bad manners
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Sports programmes, Fawlty Towers and all documentaries
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Barbra Streisand
BEST FRIEND: My wife Betty
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Brian Clough
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Travelling
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: 35 full caps for Scotland
PERSONAL AMBITION: To do well in whatever I go into when I leave football
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To line-up against England at Wembley
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? An accountant
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali




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